

By Monday 22nd March all students for whom we have received consent, will have completed their three initial supervised self-administered lateral flow tests in school. This means that all students can now be issued with free home testing kits according to the government guidelines. This communication is designed to briefly outline key elements of the next phase including how to home test and report results. This continued testing forms an important part of our overall safety strategy and it is strongly recommended.

We have an important role in helping suppress COVID-19 transmission in the community

The lateral flow testing kits are for asymptomatic testing only. It is of the utmost importance that we continue to ensure that if a student, or anyone in their household, has one or more of the following symptoms:

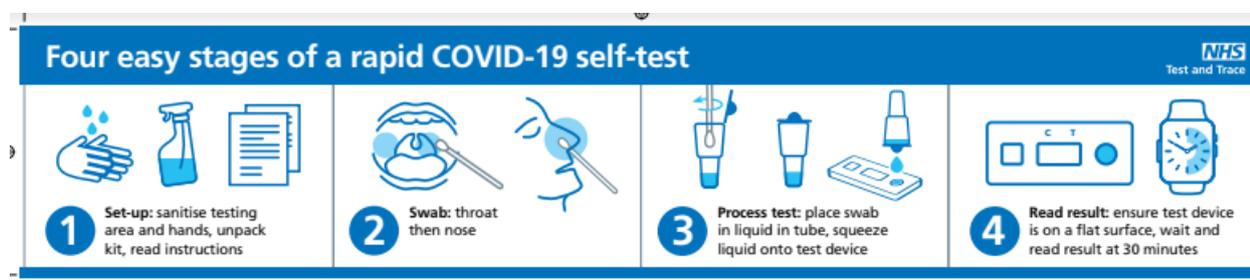
- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste

that this is reported via the covidstudents@wilmslowhigh.com email address and the **whole household** isolate until a COVID-19 **PCR** test can be arranged, via the NHS, for the person with symptoms and that isolation continues until the test result has been received. [Click here](#) for attendance guidelines and detailed advice.

How to Home Test using a Lateral Flow Device

To continue to support students with advice and guidance we will have members of the testing team available daily to offer advice should you require it.

- We would recommend that you watch this video prior to completing your first test - [Click Here](#) (this is the same video on the FAQ document).
- Students should test themselves **twice** per week at home.
- The 2 boxes contain 6 test kits and we will distribute new kits when you require further supplies.
- This link takes you to a helpful FAQ including a step by step video - [FAQ Lateral Flow Device testing - students](#).



- The test kit will be logged against a student's G number.
- Use the instruction guide that is handed to you (**not** the version in the box).
- Complete the test at home prior to coming into school and record the result in the following 2 locations: **THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT!**

Location 1 - The NHS lateral flow testing site - <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

Location 2 - The Wilmslow High School site – [Lateral Flow Test Results Form](#) (This link is also on the student homepage)

- All test results need to be reported (positive, negative and void).
- Helpful supporting documents including the privacy notice can be found on the school website – [click here](#)
- There is no need to keep used test equipment. After the test result has been reported, you can put it in your normal bin (household waste).

Test results

- If anyone tests **positive**, you, your household and any support bubbles you are part of should **self-isolate immediately** in line with NHS Test and Trace guidance for **10 days**.

If any positive test results are recorded, we will continue to complete our in-school track and trace process. If we need to close a 'bubble', we will now inform parents via email. We will still provide personal, confidential advice and guidance to anyone requiring support via our medical needs team.

On return to school, we encourage anyone who tested positive and those who have been close contacts to carry out a lateral flow test at home or in school prior to them re-joining their classes. This is important to prevent the situations that occurred in the autumn term whereby bubbles were repeatedly closed.

- If the result of the test is unclear (**void**) you should do another test.
- A **negative** result does not guarantee that you are not carrying the virus. So, your child should continue to follow social distancing and other measures to reduce transmission, such as, wearing a face mask and regularly washing their hands and observing social distancing.

If you would like the instructions in an alternative language

The [instructions for coronavirus \(COVID-19\) self-testing](#) are available online in English and 12 other languages.

Do I have to log my test results twice?

Yes, you need to log your result on:

1. The NHS results service ([Click Here](#))
2. School result service ([Click Here](#))

Which days should I be testing myself?

Up to you, as long as the tests are twice a week, 3- 4 days apart. Our experience is that most students opt to complete their first test Sunday evening or Monday morning and then the second Wednesday Evening or Thursday morning.

What time of the day should I test myself?

Test yourself in the morning before school (so there is less chance you get infected between taking the test and coming to school). However, you may choose to do the testing the evening before, especially the first time, to give you more time to get accustomed to the test.

Many thanks for your continued support as we progress to home testing.

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