

# Wilmslow High School

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Dear Parents/ Carers and Year 7 Students

## Arrangements for Year 7 Onsite Lateral Flow Training and Testing Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

As we informed you on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, the government has decided that all secondary school students should [undertake on-site 2 lateral flow device tests](#), 3 to 5 days apart, on return to school in the autumn term.

This letter aims to provide Year 7 student and their parents / carers, with details of the arrangements for these onsite Lateral Flow Tests on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

### What type of Lateral Flow Test Device will be used on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September?

NHS Test and Trace are introducing new lateral flow devices to make testing quicker, easier and more accessible. From September students will be issued Orient Gene lateral flow device self-test kits for at-home testing. The Orient Gene self-test kits now only require nasal swabs and return results in under 20 minutes. In exceptional circumstances where students are unable to nasal swab, an Innova self-test should be used for throat swab only and we will retain stocks of these kits.

The onsite lateral flow testing will provide training for students to enable them to transition effectively between the existing Innova test kits and the new Orient Gene test kits and support a smooth return to school.

### What preparation needs to be done before Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September?

Please complete the Wilmslow High School consent for lateral flow testing. You will need your child's G-Number and the form can be accessed on the school website or by [clicking here](#).

### What are the arrangements for the Year 7 onsite test on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September?

- Only attend onsite testing if you are **free** from [Covid-19 symptoms](#) and have **not** been asked to self-isolate.
- Please ensure you arrive at the Olympic Hall entrance at the timeslot allocated to your tutor group (see table below).
- Please attend in school uniform – this supports the easy identification of our students for testing staff.
- Please ensure you arrive with a face covering. This will need to be worn for the duration of the testing process.
- These tests will be supervised by school staff but will be self-administered by each student.
- At the end of your test please leave the site and return straight home and log your result. We anticipate students being onsite for between 30 and 40 minutes.
- Students with siblings can attend at the same time (please attend at the time allocated your Year 7 child).

Form Group	Time to be at Olympic Hall Gate
Y 7BSH	8.40 am
Y 7BOM	9.10 am

Y 7BEF	9.40 am
Y 7HHG	10.10 am
Y 7HCF	11.00 am
Y 7HSB	11.30 am
Y 7NSW	12.00 pm
Y 7NCJ	1.00 pm
Y 7NJM	1.30 pm
Y 7TAB	2.00 pm
Y 7TMH	2.30 pm
Y 7TLM	3.00 pm

## How does Lateral Flow Device Testing help prevent transmission?

Up to one third of people who have coronavirus are asymptomatic. By testing we will help to reduce the spread in our school, through asymptomatic transmission.

## What will happen if the onsite test result is positive?

Parents/carers will be informed immediately if their child has tested positive.

If a student tests positive on a lateral flow device, parents/carers will be informed immediately by Wilmslow High school and will be given further advice

## What will happen if the onsite test result is negative?

You will only be informed by school of a test result if it is positive or void. Students will be provided with the test card to enable the result to be logged with the NHS. We maintain a full register of all results in school should you require confirmation.

While a small number of students may need to repeat the test if the first test was invalid or void for some reason, students who test negative will be able to return to school with their year group.

## What if my child develops symptoms?

This testing programme at Wilmslow High School is for people with **no** symptoms. If your child develops symptoms at any time (including a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste) they must immediately self-isolate, and book a test by calling 119 or visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

## What if my child cannot attend their testing slot?

Please contact [medicalneeds@wilmslowhigh.com](mailto:medicalneeds@wilmslowhigh.com) to discuss alternative arrangements.

## My child cannot use the Orient Gene self-test kit, what should I do?

If your child is unable to perform a nasal swab because they;

- Are prone to nosebleeds and/or
- Have had a facial or head injury in the last 6 months

Please get in touch with [medicalneeds@wilmslowhigh.com](mailto:medicalneeds@wilmslowhigh.com) so we can arrange for them to perform their test using an Innova self-test kit using a throat swab only.

## What if my child does not wish to perform a lateral flow device test?

Whilst we strongly encourage your child to perform a lateral flow test, participation in testing is voluntary. If they do not consent to performing a test, they may still start school with their peers on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept.

## Follow Up test

We will be completing a second supervised lateral flow test during the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> September. This will take place as part of the normal school day.

## What are the arrangements for the Year 7 Induction Day on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September?

All Year 7 students will gather in the Sports Hall, entering school via the 'High Options Gate', by 8.45 am for registration in full school uniform (PE kit not required).

## **Important Reminder – SIMS Parent**

At the end of July we sent a personalised request that you register with SIMS Parent in order to update the details we hold about you and your child and also to provide us with the necessary consent information. This is a three-stage process that first requires you to register and then either install the SIMS Parent App on your phone or mobile device or just use the SIMS Parent website.

From here you can then update the details we current hold for your child / children including important medical information. You should have received an email from noreply@sims.co.uk to the email you have previously provided us with. Please check your junk mail if it has not arrived in your Inbox. Click on the 'Accept Invitation' link in the email and follow the instructions.

We look forward to welcoming our students for the beginning of the new school year.

Yours sincerely,

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