

Wilmslow High School

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Dear Parents/ Carers and Year 8 Students,

Arrangements for Year 8 Onsite Lateral Flow Training and Testing Monday 6th September

As you will know from the information we published in [High Notes on 21st 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 8 students and their parents / carers, with details of the arrangements for these onsite Lateral Flow Tests on Monday 6th September.

What type of Lateral Flow Test Device will be used on Monday 6th 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 testing should be done before Monday 6th September?

Please complete a lateral flow test from your existing supplies. We would advise doing this between Friday 3rd September and Sunday 5th September. Record this result on both:

- the school website – [Click here](#)
- the NHS website - [Click here](#)

If you have run out of test kits please order from this website - <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

What are the arrangements for the Year 8 onsite test on Monday 6th 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 full school uniform or PE kit
- 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.
- Please continue to complete a regular lateral flow test at home (twice weekly) and report the results to the NHS and School.
- Students with siblings in year 8 and 9 can attend at the same time (please attend at the time allocated your Year 8 child).

Form Group	Time to be at Olympic Hall Gate	Test Venue
8BAT	9.30 am	Gym
8BHH	10.00 am	Gym
8BGH	10.30 am	Gym
8HAH	9.30 am	Olympic Hall
8HME	10.00 am	Olympic Hall
8HCP	10.30 am	Olympic Hall
8NJB	9.30 am	Main Hall
8NMB	10.00 am	Main Hall
8NKW	10.30 am	Main Hall
8THK	9.30 am	P100 & P107
8TTA	10.00 am	P100 & P107
8TCS	10.30 am	P100 & P107

What are the arrangements for the return to school of Year 8 on Tuesday 7th September?

We will be contact you by Wednesday 1st September with details of the return to school of Year 8 on Tuesday 7th September.

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 if you have not yet provided consent for Wilmslow High School to conduct the lateral flow device test?

The consent form can be accessed on the school website or by [clicking here](#).

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 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 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 Tuesday 7th September.

Follow Up test

We will be completing a second supervised lateral flow test later by the end of the week. This will take place as part of the normal school day.

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

Yours sincerely,

D Jones
Senior Leader Extended Student Services