

Dear Parent / Carer

The government have asked all schools to conduct two in-school Covid tests for children as they return to secondary school. In September 2021 these two tests will be a Lateral Flow Device test (LFT), which is conducted in school and involves a throat and nasal swab, undertaken by the student themselves under supervision by school staff. After the first two tests, students will be given at-home test kits to conduct tests themselves, under the supervision of an adult, on a twice weekly basis. Our contingency plan also allows for in-school testing to resume if needed and advised by Public Health England, therefore this consent form is applicable to the initial testing in September and also other potential testing, which could be either LFT or PCR tests in school throughout the year.

Parents / carers need to give consent on their child's behalf. If at any time you decide to change your mind, you can contact the school office and let them know and your new decision will be recorded. Students will also be asked if they still wish to take part just before the test happens, and if they do not give consent themselves, will not be tested.

Terms of consent

1. I have had the opportunity to consider the information provided by the school/college about the testing, ask questions and have had these answered satisfactorily.
2. I have discussed the testing with my child and my child is happy to participate. If on the day of testing they do not wish to take part, then they will not be made to do so and consent can be withdrawn at any time ahead of the test.
3. I consent to my child having a nose and throat swab for LFT and/or PCR tests. My child will self-swab. If they are unable to swap, I will attend the test to support my child.
4. I understand that there may be multiple tests required over the course of this academic year and this consent covers all tests for the below named person. If, on the day of testing they do not wish to take part, then I understand they will not be made to do so and that consent can be withdrawn at any time ahead of the test. If I wish to change my consent decision at any time I can do so by contacting the school office.
5. I consent that my / my child's sample(s) will be either processed at school (in the case of an LFT test) or sent to a laboratory (in the case of a PCR test) and:
 - tested for the presence of COVID-19
 - and, if a PCR test, may undergo further testing to identify which variant of COVID-19 is present
6. I understand that if my child's results are negative, I will still be contacted to confirm this on the contact mobile number provided during registration. A confirmation message will not be received if the mobile number is incorrect or not provided.

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7. If my child is at school when notified of a positive result, I commit to ensuring that my child is removed from school premises as promptly as possible, bearing in mind they may have some anxiety following a positive test result.

8. I understand that they will not need to self-isolate whilst awaiting the test result.

9. I agree that if my child's test results are confirmed to be positive, a copy of the rest will be shared with the school, and I understand that my child will be required to self-isolate following public health advice and, if the positive test was an LFT, then a follow up PCR test will be required which I will organise.

I consent to my child taking part in Covid testing at school during the academic year 2021-22

First Name	
Last Name	
Date of Birth	
Parent / carer mobile number	
Name of parent / carer giving consent	
Signature	

Please let us know of any health or accessibility issues which might affect a child's safe participation in the testing exercise.

You can give your consent either by completing this form and returning it to school by email or on paper, or you can email us giving the information in the boxes above, or you can ring school and give verbal consent.