

20<sup>th</sup> August 2021

### Consent for lateral flow testing

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are looking forward to welcoming your child into school on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

Today, we are writing to ask for consent for lateral flow testing. As stated in the latest [government guidance](#) we will be testing them using the lateral flow device, on two occasions during their first two weeks. Each test should be taken 3-5 days apart. This asymptomatic testing will help to identify positive cases more quickly and break the chains of transmission. Those who test positive will be required to self-isolate, helping to reduce transmission of the virus. I am therefore strongly encouraging students to be tested.

In order to help us with our planning, please can you complete the consent form for your child/children (each child will need a form). **Please complete this form even if you do not want your child to take part in the lateral flow testing.** You will be required to read the Privacy Notice sent alongside this letter and confirm your agreement before consent can be given. It is not compulsory to give consent for this testing programme and consent can be withdrawn at any time.

Please click the link below to access the consent form. Completed forms should be returned no later than **4pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021** to allow sufficient time for the participating students to be registered prior to testing taking place.

Click here to complete the [consent form](#).

You will find some more details regarding the lateral flow test on the next page. We will support our students throughout, but please contact us on [enquiries@corbytechnicalschool.org](mailto:enquiries@corbytechnicalschool.org) if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs S H Young  
School Business Manager

## **How the tests work**

Those taking the test will be supervised by trained staff. The lateral flow tests are quick and easy to undertake, using a swab of the nose and throat. The results are available around 30 minutes after the test is taken. The school will inform the student immediately of a positive test result. Parents or legal guardians will also be informed. The notification of a positive or negative result from the online NHS system will be sent to all participants, by the end of the day, using the contact details provided on the consent form.

## **What if my child tests positive?**

If a student tests positive on a lateral flow device, they will be informed immediately by the school and will be asked to commence self-isolation. Parents/carers will be informed and asked if they wish to collect their child or if they consent to the child making their own way home. Students should not use public transport. You should arrange for a confirmation PCR test as soon as possible. If the result of the PCR is positive your child should continue to isolate and all other members of the household should follow the [stay at home guidance](#). If the result of the PCR test is negative the child and the household and resume normal activities.

## **What happens if the test is negative?**

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 stay in school and resume their activities as normal. Students can assume they have a negative test unless they are advised otherwise. Parents or guardians will be informed of negative test results via text by the end of the day.

## **What if students have been in close contact with someone in school who tests positive?**

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a [PCR test](#). We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

## **What if my child develops symptoms?**

The testing programme at 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 [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test)