

LFT testing implementation overview for week commencing 8th March 2021

Timetable

Time	Mon 8th	Tues 9th	Thurs 11th	Fri 12th
8.30am-10.00am	Yr12/13	Yr 9	Yr12/13	Yr 9
11.00am-12.30pm	Yr 11	Yr 8	Yr 11	Yr 8
1.30pm-3.00pm	Yr 10	Yr7	Yr 10	Yr 7

On site entry

Students during their allocated time window will enter site via the school gate to the right of school reception. They will be welcomed and reminded of the following:

1. Check they are not displaying COVID related symptoms
2. Check they have not eaten or drank within the last 30mins
3. Sanitise hands from wall dispensers
4. Wear mask throughout duration of site visit (we have spares to give if required)
5. Directed towards Science quad

Science quad

When students reach this area, they will be welcomed and instructed to line up for testing. If there are more than 15 students lining up then remaining students will be directed to enter the sports hall (changing room side) where they will wait socially distanced on seats. The sports hall will be supervised by a member from their hub team. Both the hub team member and staff on duty in Science quad will have a radio. The staff member on duty in the science quad will call for the next group of students to come from the sports hall and line up outside C12. They will exit via the basketball court side fire exit

Queue

Students will queue 2m apart. When they reach the entrance to C12 they will be greeted by a member of the LFT team who will complete final checks and issue them with their registration card

Testing

Students will go to one of 4 bays for testing. Once complete they will leave through the fire exit of C14 and be directed off site back through the gate next to the school reception

The whole process is outlined within the video which can be accessed via

<https://youtu.be/IWR5DKBBbrc>

We are very much looking forward to seeing your child(ren) next week

NHS Test and Trace: COVID-19 Lateral Flow Testing for students in schools

Frequently Asked Questions

Why are the tests being used?

Up to one third of people who have coronavirus are asymptomatic. Along with other protective measures, by testing we will help to reduce the possible spread in school through identifying asymptomatic cases and therefore transmission. We are strongly encouraging those returning to school to be tested.

Will the students have to do tests at school every week from now on?

No. We will be testing all students whose parents consent three times in total starting with two tests in the week beginning 8th March 2021. During this week virtual learning will still be timetabled but students will be invited in to school twice ensuring a 3-day gap between tests as advised by the government. Once the test has been completed they will return home to complete their planned virtual learning activities. Their third test will be in the week beginning 15th March when they are back in school in lessons. Once they have completed their three tests the Government will provide home test kits for families to complete the tests twice per week at home.

Can the school force my child to be tested?

No. We can only complete the tests if we have your consent. We believe that the more students and staff we are able to test the safer we make the school for everyone so we are very keen for all parents to consent.

How do the tests work?

Those taking the test will be supervised by well-trained Barr's Hill staff. We know the students well and can support them with doing the test. The 'lateral flow' tests are quick and easy using a swab of your nose and throat. For under 18s, staff can oversee the swab process. You can see a video here <https://youtu.be/FZwZSvuqsf4> of Mrs Hammett going through the testing centre so you and your child can see what it looks like and how it works.

How do we find out the results?

Results (which take around half an hour from testing) will be shared directly via text or email from NHS Test and Trace, for those students under the age of 16 messages will go to parents or legal guardians

What if my child tests positive?

If a pupil tests positive on a lateral flow device, they will need to self-isolate for 10 days and follow the guidance from NHS Test and Trace. You will be informed of test results via text/email. This is done via the national NHS Test and trace system.

What happens if the test is negative?

While a small number of pupils may need to repeat the test if the first test was invalid or void for some reason, pupils who test negative will be able to stay in school and resume their activities as normal. You will be informed of test results via text/email. This is done via the national NHS Test and trace system.

Do I have to pay for the tests?

No. Testing is free of charge as it is funded by the Government.



What if staff or students have been in close contact with someone in school who tests positive?

This will work the same as it did while we were open before. The staff member or student will be notified that they are a close contact by the school and will need to self-isolate for 10 days in line with Government guidance.

What if my child develops symptoms?

This 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 through the national system by calling 119 or visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

Is there anything I need to do to prepare for the test?

Ensure you have filled out the consent form. Your child should not eat or drink anything 30 mins prior to taking the test as it can affect the result. We will remind them of this when they arrive in school.

Can I wait for my child while they are being tested?

Unfortunately, due to building works which have commenced, we do not have the parking capacity to enable parents to wait in a car within our car park

