



18th March 2021

Dear staff, parents and carers,

Our heartfelt thanks to all staff, pupils and students (Year 7 to U6) who have joined the Langley School Lateral Flow Testing Programme.

We can confirm that we have now completed the on-site lateral flow mass testing and have transitioned consenting staff and pupils/students to twice weekly home testing. High praise goes to all pupils and students who adapted so well to the process, seamlessly taking on board responsibility for their own testing, to parents for their support through this transition and to all staff supporting and assisting within the test centres. Langley School is pleased to report that over 3000 have now been processed across both sites, with no positive cases to report.

We are aware that there has been lots of information to digest of late, we have therefore prepared FAQ's in response to questions collated during the testing roll out.

FAQ's

I did not give permission for testing in school – can I still access home kits?

- All staff and pupils/students year 7 to U6 have access the home testing kits. If you have not attended on site testing in school but would like to join the programme please e mail coronaupdate@langleschool.co.uk to request participation.

Can parents and families of employees access home testing via the school program?

School test kits are for the use of Langley staff, pupils and students only and should be used only by those who they have been assigned to. Regular rapid testing is now also available for parents, their households and support or childcare bubbles including families of school staff. The government is encouraging all families to participate in twice weekly testing to help stop the spread.

Parents and other adults in the household can access tests by:

- Ordering tests online www.gov.uk/order-school-household-tests
- Getting an assisted test at their work, if it is available
- Attending a test site to get tested (where you will be able to see how to take the test) or pick up tests to do at home.
- To find out more on school household testing visit <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

When do we test?

- Twice weekly, ideally Sunday and Wednesday evening or Monday and Thursday

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Why do I need to report test results to test and trace and the school portal:

- There is an obligation to advise NHS test and trace of each test result and a DfE requirement to inform the school of each test result for contact tracing purposes, this applies to negative, positive and void results. Please do follow the guidance provided within the home test kit pack or refer to the testing guidance pack, available via the Covid-19 link on the school website at www.langleyschool.co.uk

Can the test and trace link be added to the school website portal?

Many thanks for this suggestion, we will action this so you are able to access both the school results portal and test and trace link via the Covid link on the school website.

Can I test if I have had a Covid-19 vaccine?

- Yes, testing is encouraged for those who have been vaccinated.

I have completed isolation following a positive test result, should I continue to test?

- If you have received a PCR positive test result you should refrain from testing for 90 days from confirmation of the positive result.

Do we continue twice weekly testing through school holiday periods?

- The DfE has requested that staff, students and pupils continue twice weekly testing throughout the Easter holiday period and will provide enough tests to allow for this to continue.

When and where should I collect further tests from?

Further home test packs can be collected from the following points, please note kits vary in size, 3, 5 and 7 per pack, therefore staff, pupils and students will be required to monitor the number of tests they have left and collect their next test kit in good time, ideally as they have one test left to use, please do make allowance for the Easter holiday period, ensuring you test twice weekly to include the evening before or morning you return to school.

Prep Site

- Pupils (years 7 and 8) - Matron at **The Medical Room**
- Staff - As advised by Matron

Senior Site

- Staff and pupils year 10 and 11 - **Main House Reception**
- Pupils years 7, 8 and 9 - **Garden Cottage**
- Upper and Lower 6th - **Alston Centre Reception**

Thank you for your continued support, should you have any further questions or require further details relating to the testing program, please do not hesitate to contact coronaupdate@langleschool.co.uk

Kind regards

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