



## **Covid Testing Programme – Michaelmas 2021**

### **Staff, Pupils and Students Y7 to U6**

As we begin Michaelmas Term during Step 4 of the government's response plan, asymptomatic testing remains vitally important in reducing the risk of transmission of infection within schools. Langley School will continue to review government updates and will adapt their testing program as required.

We understand that those within our community will have potentially mixed with lots of other people during the summer holidays, we therefore strongly encourage all staff, pupils and students to complete 2 lateral flow (LFD) tests, 3 and 1 days prior to Michaelmas term return to school.

For all those already part of the home testing programme, these tests may be completed at home.

For pupils and students who are part of the new Michaelmas intake (Year 7 and above) you will be offered an initial on-site supervised test as follows;

**Senior site:** For those in attendance at the New Pupil Tea party an on-site test will be offered on 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Existing pupils moving into year 7 will be offered an on-site test on the morning of 8<sup>th</sup> September from 8.15am (please make your way to the Ballroom on arrival).

**Prep site:** Existing and new pupils moving to year 7 and new year 8 pupils will be offered a test on arrival at school on 8<sup>th</sup> September.

This will assist you with self-testing in preparation of home testing, home testing kits will be provided on arrival for your on-site test.

To assist us with our DfE reporting responsibilities, **ALL** home test kits must be signed out upon collections and **EVERY** test taken must be reported to NHS test and trace and the school test results portal. We cannot stress enough how important it is to make this process a habit, to enable us to have an accurate picture of the ongoing Covid health of our whole community; as a reminder;

- Collect a new kit when you are starting to get low on tests ensuring you sign your test kit out on the sheet provided, these can be collected from
  - Senior – Main Hall Reception, The Alston Centre
  - Prep – Matrons Office
- Lateral Flow (LFD) home test twice weekly
- Reporting result to both **NHS test and trace** and the **Schools results portal**.
- Isolate upon symptoms Covid or when a positive LFD test is evident (obtaining a confirmatory PCR test within 2 days) and/or if requested by NHS test and trace

Staff, pupils and students should continue to LFD test twice weekly at home until the end of September, when this will be reviewed as part of the Governments response review.

We will retain a small asymptomatic testing site (ATS) on each site until further notice, so we are able to offer testing to pupils who are unable to test themselves at home or to offer support to those who are new to self-testing.

## FAQ's

**Is testing compulsory?** Testing is voluntary, and individuals will not be prevented from coming into our settings if they do not take part. However, staff pupils and students are strongly encouraged to participate as testing regularly helps to reduce the spread of the virus in educational settings.

**Do I need to provide consent to test for myself or my child/children?** Permission is required only when undertaking on site testing, if you are testing at home consent is not required. If you have previously provided consent you will not need to do this again.

**How is my data protected?** Langley School operates strict confidentiality procedures around personal data as covered within the Schools Data Protection Policy. With regards to home testing the NHS have created a video to explain how your data is used , link follow <https://youtu.be/S8yY1DTugfQ>

**Can children and young people swab themselves at home?** Pupils/students aged 18 and over should self-test and report the result, with assistance if needed. Pupils/students aged 12-17 should self-test and report with adult supervision. An appropriate adult may conduct the test if necessary. Children aged 11 should be tested by an adult. Children below the age of 11 should not be tested.

**How often do staff and students need to test?** Staff, pupils and students in year 7 or above should conduct testing at home, twice every week, 3-4 days apart. Staff and students should ideally test in the morning before coming into their educational setting, if this is not practical the evening before a school day.

**What date do I need to re-commence home testing?** We are asking all staff and pupils and students to re-commence home testing 1 and 3 days before return to school, for pupils and students this will be Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

**I have run out of tests, can I collect a new pack from school prior to term start?** Yes, you may collect test kits from the Main Hall Reception or from the Prep School Office, between 8am and 5pm from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

**Where can I find the results links?** From [www.langleyschool.co.uk](http://www.langleyschool.co.uk) click on the COVID-19 link at the top of the page and you will be able to access the track and trace and school portals by clicking on the links as shown below.

## **Lateral flow home testing program**

Please enter your test result to BOTH the **school portal** (first link below) and the **Gov.uk test and trace** (second link below). Please be assured that on the school result portal all information held is in line with the Langley Data Protection Testing Privacy Notice.

[Report a COVID-19 lateral flow home testing result to Langley](#)

[Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result to Govuk](#)

**Why do I have to record test results to both NHS test and trace and the school test result portal?** As close contact tracing is now being undertaken directly by test and trace it is imperative that all results are received by test and trace. It is also a Department of Education (DfE) requirement that

as a school, we track testing within our community, we do not have view of the NHS reporting, so this also ensures we can pick up and act quickly if a positive case is detected.

**Can I collect test kits for all my family?** Unfortunately not, we are provided with an allocated supply determined by our community numbers so currently we are unable to assist, however, test kits are available from pharmacies and from the gov.uk site.

**Where can I find the link for the 'how to take a test' video?** The NHS self-testing video can be found here <https://youtu.be/S9XR8RZxKNo>

## **Changes to contact tracing and isolation periods in education and childcare settings**

One of the key changes that will take place from the start of Michaelmas Term is that education and childcare settings will no longer be asked to conduct routine contact tracing. As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with either the positive case – or in the case of children – the parents, carers or guardian of the positive case to identify close contacts. NHS Test and Trace already manage the contact tracing process for the rest of society – including children who have recorded a positive PCR test – and has expertise in supporting people to identify close contacts.

The following detail sets out in more detail how that process will work and what you need to do if your child tests positive for COVID-19.

### **Self-isolation**

If you receive a positive result from a lateral flow (LFD) test, you should self-isolate and inform the school by uploading your results and e mailing [coronaupdate@langleschool.co.uk](mailto:coronaupdate@langleschool.co.uk) You should immediately order a confirmatory PCR test.

PCR tests can be booked online through the [NHS Test & Trace website](#) or by calling 119. PCR test results will be recorded with NHS Test and Trace automatically, but you should also communicate the result with the school by e mailing [coronaupdate@langleschool.co.uk](mailto:coronaupdate@langleschool.co.uk)

### **Contact tracing**

If you receive a positive PCR test result, NHS Test and Trace will contact you, using the details you registered when ordering the PCR test. You and/or your child will be asked a series of specific questions designed to identify who you or your child has been in close contact with. Being in an education or childcare setting with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 will not necessarily mean a person is identified as a close contact.

You will be asked to provide the contact details, if you know them, of any of the individuals – or their parents or guardians – who have been identified as close contacts. NHS Test and Trace will then get in touch with these close contacts and provide appropriate instructions or advice.

### **Self-isolation and/or testing of close contacts**

In line with the policy for fully vaccinated adults, if you have been double vaccinated (with a 2 week grace period) or the close contact is under 18, you will not have to self-isolate but will be asked to take an PCR test immediately, other than for very young children identified as non-household contacts, and they will not need to self-isolate while awaiting the results of the test. If the PCR test is positive, they will be required to self-isolate for 10 days from the date of the test. NHS Test and Trace will then get in touch to identify close contacts.