

# HLNSC Lateral Flow Testing For Students

As you will be aware you will have the opportunity to take a lateral flow test in College. The test is voluntary but you are encouraged to participate if you can. You will be able to take 2 tests on-site over the two weeks. After this it is the Government's guidance is to continue testing at home.

Additional Government guidance states that 'Individuals who do not have severe immunosuppression, and who previously have tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 by PCR, should be exempt from routine re-testing, by PCR or LFD antigen tests, if within 90 days from their initial illness onset or test date (if asymptomatic), unless they develop new COVID-19 symptoms' If you fall into these categories then you do not need to take a test on the Colleges' premises.

Before you come to College your teacher will let you know what time your first test is scheduled for during the week of 30th August. You will need to [click here](#) to complete a consent form via Microsoft Forms by 5pm the day before your test is due. You can also access the form by using this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/rq9Mw9yMHu>

If you are aged 16 or 17 you will be able to consent yourself to having a test but you will need to discuss it with your parents/guardian beforehand. If you are aged 18 or over you can consent yourself to having a test without discussing it with anyone else. If you are unable to complete your consent form via Microsoft Forms there will be paper copies available on the day of your test for you to complete. If you have already completed the form and emailed it to a member of staff please could you complete it again using [this link](#).

Please bring your mobile phone with you to College, if you have one, and you will be talked through how to register with the NHS and taken up to the test centre at your allotted time. You will need to download a QR scanner if you don't have an iPhone.

You will find a 'take swab sample' information sheet on our website, so that you know what to expect. The on-site tests will be the Orient Gene which is nose only. You do the test yourself, test centre staff will not be able to provide you with any physical help. If you are unable to swab yourself then you will not be able to take a test without the help of a parent/guardian. Should you feel that you may need help to swab then please inform your teacher who will talk to you about your parent or guardian attending with you.

After the swab test, you will be asked to leave the centre by a member of staff and you should return to your class, go on your break or go home depending on the time of day. Your test results will be texted and/or emailed to you by the NHS around 30 minutes after you have completed your test. If you receive a negative test then you can continue to attend College and if you receive a void test then please inform your teacher who will arrange for a retest to take place. If your test is positive then a member of staff will come and inform you personally and inform you of the next steps.

If you have any questions about this process then please speak with your teacher.

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