



Joseph Leckie Academy

15th March 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians/Carers

Home Testing - Lateral Flow Tests

Further to my letter on 5th March we have now completed the first week of testing and I would like to express my thanks to the vast majority of parents who consented to allow their child to be tested. There was overwhelming support for this asymptomatic testing (LFT). We continue this week to complete the second and third tests and will issue your child with a home testing kit after they have had their third test.

Students will receive a pack of 3 tests in a box with a leaflet on how to take the test and how to report the results on the NHS site (instructions are in the pack). You will need to inform the school of the result of each test using the link on the school website:

It is best for your child to do the test in the morning before coming to school, but if you do not have sufficient time to do this then the test can be done in the evening before eating a meal. Please ensure you report the results.

We will give students a leaflet with instructions on how to do the test with the kit. We have a page on our website dedicated to this: <https://www.josephleckieacademy.co.uk/covidtesting>
Help and support is available, including instructions in different languages on how to test and report the results and a video showing you how to take the test. There is no need to keep used test equipment after the test result has been reported. You can put it in your normal bin (household waste).

This test does not replace symptomatic testing. If your child has symptoms, they should self-isolate immediately, book a PCR test and follow national guidelines. What should you do after the test? If anyone tests positive you, your household and any support bubbles you are part of should self-isolate immediately in line with NHS Test and Trace guidance for 10 days. You need to report your result to both NHS Test and Trace and the school. You should order a confirmatory PCR test if you are testing at home (confirmatory PCR tests are not needed if the test was conducted at the Asymptomatic Test Site at school).
If the result is unclear (void) please get them to do another test.

If your child's result on either a LFT or PCR test is positive you must notify us immediately at postbox@josephleckieacademy.co.uk forwarding a copy of the email confirmation or screen capture of the text message.

Please can I remind you that a negative result does not guarantee that your child is not carrying the virus. It is important that we all follow the safety measures at all times to reduce transmission such as: washing hands regularly; wearing a face mask and social distancing. HANDS-FACE-SPACE

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Please refer to my previous letters throughout the year and the latest Protocols for students on the website to give you more details of how we have prepared and the safety measures that we have in place and to reassure you. It is important that your child follows these protocols which have been reinforced through an extended form time with students this morning. Please refer to my letter of 5th March for our expectations and the protocols on the website as these are important to keep everyone safe and do our part to minimise the spread of this deadly virus.

Attendance: All students (except any students who are extremely critically vulnerable who will have had NHS letters) should have returned on 15th March. Attendance is now compulsory again.

Reminder: Health

Please ensure that if anyone in your household has COVID-19 symptoms, your child does NOT attend school. Any child who tests positive or who develops symptoms in the school day will be sent home immediately. You must follow the Government guidance 'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection' If anyone in your household is displaying any symptoms of COVID-19, or has tested positive, you MUST inform school by telephone. See full details in the protocols and on the website.

May I thank you all for your support with encouraging your child to take part in LFT testing as well as encouraging them to follow the protocols and safety advice given.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Cook'.

Rachel Cook
Acting Principal.