

What happens if I don't give consent for my child to have a lateral flow test?

Regardless of whether a student is going to have the lateral flow tests or not they should return to school at the same time as the rest of their year group and continue to do so from that date onwards.

What if my child has had Covid-19 and cannot have a lateral flow test until 90 days have passed from the date of their positive test?

Your child should return to school at the same time as the rest of their year group even if they cannot be tested on return. It would be helpful if you could advise the school of the date that your child tested positive for Covid-19 so that we know when testing can resume.

What if my child has already had the Covid-19 vaccination, do they still have to be tested in school?

Yes, anyone who has already had the vaccination should still be tested on return to school and will have to follow the same routines regarding self-isolation should they test positive.

How are the lateral flow tests conducted?




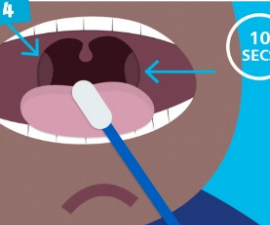

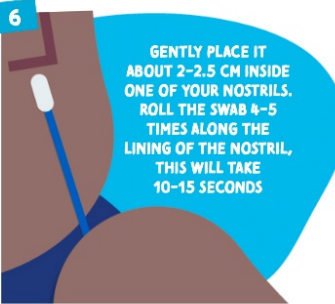
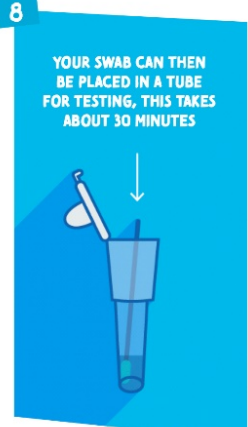
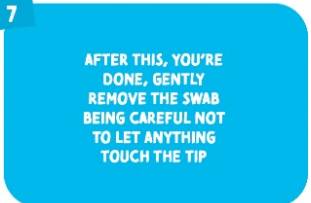

Students administer the lateral flow tests themselves. Staff are on hand to guide and support this process but do not do the swab for the students. The visual below explains the process or your child could watch the video of children from another school explaining what the process is like here

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/56169087>

NHS
Test and Trace

HOW TO DO YOUR TEST

WHILE THIS IS A SELF-SWAB TEST, THERE WILL BE A TESTING HELPER WHO WILL OVERSEE THINGS AND PROVIDE HELP IF YOU NEED

-  YOUR COVID-19 TEST WILL BE SCHEDULED. IF YOU ARE UNDER 16, YOUR PARENT / CARER WILL HAVE CONSENTED
-  YOUR TEST WILL BE FAST AND WHILE IT MIGHT FEEL A LITTLE UNCOMFORTABLE, IT WON'T HURT YOU
-  BLOW YOUR NOSE IF NEEDED. WASH AND DRY/SANITISE YOUR HANDS. REMOVE THE SWAB BEING CAREFUL NOT TO TOUCH THE SOFT PART
-  OPEN YOUR MOUTH WIDE AND USE A MIRROR TO LOOK AT THE BACK OF YOUR THROAT, THEN USE THE SWAB TO RUB FIRMLY 4 TIMES ON EACH SIDE
-  REMOVE THE SWAB CAREFULLY WITHOUT TOUCHING YOUR TEETH, TONGUE OR GUMS
-  GENTLY PLACE IT ABOUT 2-2.5 CM INSIDE ONE OF YOUR NOSTRILS. ROLL THE SWAB 4-5 TIMES ALONG THE LINING OF THE NOSTRIL, THIS WILL TAKE 10-15 SECONDS
-  YOUR SWAB CAN THEN BE PLACED IN A TUBE FOR TESTING, THIS TAKES ABOUT 30 MINUTES
-  AFTER THIS, YOU'RE DONE, GENTLY REMOVE THE SWAB BEING CAREFUL NOT TO LET ANYTHING TOUCH THE TIP
-  YOUR SCHOOL / COLLEGE WILL CONTACT YOU OR YOUR PARENT / CARER WITH THE RESULTS AND LET YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS NEXT



What happens if a child tests positive for Covid-19 on return to school?

If a student has a positive lateral flow test result on return to school we will inform their parents and ask them to collect their child who will have to self-isolate for 10 days. We will follow the DfE guidelines to identify other close contacts in school (i.e. those who have been within a 2m radius of the child for a period longer than 15 minutes) who will also have to self-isolate for 10 days.

What happens if my child is unable to wear a mask in lessons?

Government guidance states that the wearing of masks is advised in classrooms. If your child is not able to comply with this for health/anxiety related reasons you should inform us and we will provide them with a yellow badge to show that they are exempt. No child will be excluded from lessons for not wearing a mask where we have been informed by parents of the reason for this.

What if I do not want my child to return to school?

The government has stated that schools will re-open to students from 8 March and although schools have the discretion to stagger the return in order to carry out testing, all students should be back in lessons, full time, within a few days. Monitoring of attendance will resume and we will work with parents and students to encourage a full return to school but ultimately the usual legal processes regarding non-attendance will apply where parents refuse to send their children to school.

We hope that we have covered any questions that you may have in this document but if you have any further questions or wish to discuss any concerns you may have about your child's return to school, please contact your child's tutor or Head of House by email or by phoning 01246 863127.