



01 March 2021

Dear Parent or Guardian,

NHS Test and Trace: COVID-19 testing for Students

You may have heard that testing for those without coronavirus symptoms is beginning across the country using new, quicker COVID-19 tests known as 'lateral flow devices'. This letter is to help give you more information about the testing programme at Hazel Wood High School.

Up to one third of people who have coronavirus are asymptomatic. By testing we will help to reduce the spread in school through asymptomatic transmission. I am therefore strongly encouraging those returning to school to be tested.

Plan for testing

We will be looking to test our staff and students when they return to school.

In order to do this we require your consent. Please follow the link below to complete and return it to school by the 3rd March 2021. Alternatively, you can bring a signed paper copy to your testing slot:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=XwpzOVRIVUir6oBz3P2ccfUo0Gr_OqRFsByXDkNfjXZUQkNPVkrERFRRWkM4OThXSkpWVFBNT1JCVS4u

Covid asymptomatic testing dates

Day	AM (8.30 – 11.30)	PM (11.30 – 2.30)
Wednesday 3 rd March	Year 11	Year 10
Thursday 4 th March	Year 9	Year 8
Friday 5 th March	Year 7	Drop In for those unable to access earlier sessions – by agreement only

How the tests work

Those taking the test will be supervised by trained staff and volunteers. The lateral flow tests are quick and easy to undertake, using a swab of the nose and throat. Results (which take around half an hour from testing) will be shared directly with the individual participant. The school will inform the student of a positive test result. **Where participants are under 16, parents or legal guardians will also be informed. The student will also receive a text or e-mail notification of a positive or negative result from the online NHS system.**



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What if my child tests positive?

If a pupil tests positive on a lateral flow device, they will be informed immediately by school. A parent/guardian will be informed and the pupil will be sent home from school and asked to self-isolate. The pupil must be collected from school by a parent/guardian.

What happens if the test is negative?

While a small number of pupils may need to repeat the test if the first test was invalid or void for some reason, pupils who test negative will be able to stay in school and resume their activities as normal. Pupils will be informed of negative test results via text/email. Where participants are under 16, parents or legal guardians will also be informed.

What if staff or students have been in close contact with someone in school who tests positive?

The staff member or student will be notified that they are a close contact by the school. There may be instances where close contacts are also contacted by NHS Test and Trace. In this instance they should notify NHS Test and Trace that they are a close contact through school and are participating in daily contact testing.

What if my child develops symptoms?

This testing programme at school is for people with no symptoms. If your child develops symptoms at any time (including a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste) they must immediately self-isolate, and book a test by calling 119 or visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

We will support our staff and pupils throughout, but please contact us if you have any questions. You can contact the office by phoning 0161 797 6543.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Greenhalgh".

Mr P. Greenhalgh
Headteacher