



Oaklands School

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26th February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Following the letter I sent out earlier this week, I am writing to provide you with updated information on the Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Covid-19 tests that will be available for students to complete. Following further information from the government, I can now share with you the updated plan for how the testing process will be implemented.

On-site LFD Testing

Week beginning 1st March

During this week, the students who are currently accessing on-site provision will be tested once. We will inform parents/carers the day before their child will complete the test so you are aware that it will happen and can support and prepare your child where necessary. If you have any concerns or questions about this, please contact the school.

Week beginning 8th March

As I mentioned in my previous letter, from 8th March, students who will be returning to the school site will be able to complete 3 tests. This will also be the process for the students who have already been accessing school this term.

We will be implementing a phased return for the students who have not attended the school site this term. The phased start will involve:

- 1) Key Stage 4 and 5 students (year 10, 11 and 12 students) will return on **Monday 8th March**
- 2) Key stage 3 students (year 7, 8 and 9 students) will return on **Tuesday 9th March**

Note – if your child is in Key Stage 3 and has already been attending the school site then they will attend school on Monday as normal. If you choose for your child not to take part in the testing process, then they may also attend school.

The reason for the phased return is so that we can effectively keep pupils in small classes on the day they return to school, so in the unfortunate event that a pupil is tested positive for Covid-19 only a small number of children will need to return home and self-isolate. I do not wish to, and am therefore trying to prevent a situation where whole year groups of pupils will need to self-isolate. Something I am sure you will understand and agree with.

As of the week beginning 8th March, pupils are expected to complete 3 tests, with 3-5 days in between each test. The on-site testing programme from 8th March is displayed in the following table

	Students on site	Students to be tested
Monday 8 th March	Year 12, Year 11, Year 10 (and all children in all year groups who have accessed on-site provision so far this term)	Year 12 Year 11 Year 10
Tuesday 9 th March	All students	Year 7 Year 8 Year 9
Thursday 11 th March	All students	Year 12 Year 11 Year 10
Friday 12 th March	All students	Year 7 Year 8 Year 9
Monday 15 th March	All students	Year 12 Year 11 Year 10
Tuesday 16 th March	All students	Year 7 Year 8 Year 9
Thursday 18 th March	From this date it is expected that students will be tested at home on a Thursday and a Monday evening. Kits will be provided by school with full instructions.	

Consent for On-site testing

I would like to remind you that all testing for Covid-19 is voluntary and parents/carers are required to give their consent in order for their child to take part in the testing process. If you agree to and would like your child to take part in the testing process, then please complete and return the consent form that will be emailed to you next week along with a privacy statement. If you do not wish for your child to take part in the testing process, then they will still be able to attend school as they did in the Autumn term.

Home testing for students

As stated in the table above, we will be providing home testing kits for students to use at home from Thursday 18th March, when they will complete their first test in the evening at home. Before home testing starts, I will provide you with further information and support.

We will hold a Zoom meeting for parents and carers on Friday 5th March to talk through the process with you. No consent forms will need to be completed for your child to complete a home test; however, you will be legally required to report the result to the NHS (information on how to do this will be provided next week).

Zoom meetings details

Topic: Parent/Carer Meeting to discuss Home Testing for Students

Time: Mar 5, 2021 02:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82063347519?pwd=K0hjUHdsUjFmekg4cGxxcmZ4WlU4QT09>

Meeting ID: 820 6334 7519

Passcode: Sg5CeM

If you have any concerns with any part of the testing process or the content of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the school

Best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr Oxley', written in a cursive style.

Mr Oxley

Headteacher