

# Aylesford School

## and Sixth Form College



### Lateral Flow Testing FAQs

**Does my child have to have a test?** These tests are one of the most rational, reliable and socially responsible ways to help school communities remain as safe as possible during the pandemic. The LFD test is not compulsory but we very strongly recommend that all parents and carers give their consent for their children's participation in the process. Testing has a vital role in keeping people safe; helping to block transmission of the virus by identifying those who are COVID positive but not displaying any symptoms.

**What happens if I can't get my child into school on the day of their allocated tutor group tests?** If you are unable to get your child into school on their specified day of testing, please obtain a PCR test which will ensure they are negative before they return. Due to cross contamination of bubbles, we are unable to allow students from different year groups mix, therefore testing must be done at their allotted times. If carrying out a PCR test, you must inform us if the test is positive and self-isolate for 10 days

**My child has COVID symptoms, should they come in for a test?** No, if your child has one of the classic COVID symptoms, they must not come into school for the LFD test but they should book a PCR test ASAP.

**My child has been in school as a critical worker when will they be tested again?** If your child has been attending school as part of a critical worker or vulnerable placement, they can have a LFD test the same time as their tutor group and will be collected from their bubble if they are in attendance at school.

**I have forgotten to give consent for my child, can I phone you instead?** We must obtain official online consent for a LFD test to be carried out so if you haven't yet consented to your child taking a test, you must do it now. We are unable to accept telephone or email consent but will be happy to provide a copy of the online form to fill in on the day. Please see link on body of email.

**I do not consent to my child taking a Lateral Flow test, can they return to school on 8<sup>th</sup> March?** Testing is not compulsory, therefore if you decide not to give consent for your child to have a LFD test, they will be allowed to come to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March however we would hope that consent is given to keep our staff, our students and the wider community safe. Please complete the above form stating whether you either give consent or not

**Can I test my child at home instead?** If you wish your child to be tested at home, you are welcome to obtain the PCR test which will need sending off. It would be quicker to book a PCR test if you can get to test station.

**Can I take a test home from school for my child to do there?** The government guidance has asked that schools test three times prior to home LFD testing begins.

**I have tested my child at home but don't have the results, can they come to school on 8<sup>th</sup> March?** Providing your child has no COVID symptoms, they are able to come to return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. If you receive a positive test, you must let the school know immediately and self-isolate for 10 days along with all members of the household.

**My child has already been COVID positive, do they still need to take a test?** Any student who has tested positive for COVID does not need to perform the LFD test for a period of 90 days following their positive result.

**My child has had the vaccine, do they still need a test?** Yes, guidance suggests that even if your child has received a vaccine, they still could be an asymptomatic carrier and therefore should still have an LFD test.

### **Day of testing**

**Where does my child have to go on their day of testing?** The testing centre is taking place in the sports hall. All students need to make their way to the back of the sports hall, nearest to the refectory. Please note that students must follow the one-way system and adhere to socially distancing rules whilst on site. They must not socialize with other students and leave the site promptly once they have completed their test.

**Can I accompany my child into school?** Due to the normal safeguarding restrictions and as we are still in lockdown, to minimize the transmission of the virus no parents will be allowed into the school building.

**How long will the testing take?** The testing itself will take around 5 minutes from start to finish. You should drop your child off and wait for them to return. Due to the high number of pupils being tested and limited parking, we kindly ask that once your child has finished their test, that you leave the site promptly to allow for others to arrive.

**Will my child be given help with their test?** There will be a staff member present at each testing station. Every volunteer has been specially trained and although we will not be carrying out your child's test, we will be there to offer full support, guidance and reassurance.

**When/how will I get my child's test results?** Upon arrival to school your child will be given a registration card, this will have a QR code and barcodes attached so that you can scan the information into your phone. One barcode will be attached to your child's test. You must register with NHS track and trace using the barcode by scanning the QR code using your mobile phone and follow the prompts to register your child's test within 24 hours. Please see link on body of email .**Test site ID: AMLU**



**I haven't had my child's results yet and they took their test today?** You must register your child's card in order to get their results. Due to the mass testing across the UK, once tests have been registered there may be a delay in the NHS system sending the results out so please be patient. The school will not be able to help if there is a delay.