



THE PRIORY ACADEMY

LSST

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Dear Parent/Carer

Home testing for Covid 19

Many thanks to all students and their families who have supported our Covid Testing programme in order for us all to return safely to the Academy. We very much appreciate your support and are happy to have students back in the classroom.

As you will be aware, we are all encouraged to continue to test twice weekly at home. Consequently, all students have been given the opportunity to take a box of LFD test kits home today, along with a leaflet to explain how to use them.

If your child is testing twice weekly, please report their result to the NHS and the Academy on the links below:

NHS: [Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/report-a-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-test-result)

LSST: [Priory Academy LSST Student- Home Lateral Flow Test - Reporting Results \(office.com\)](https://www.priorylsst.co.uk/priory-academy-lsst-student-home-lateral-flow-test-reporting-results)

It is important you are aware of some key information, which is detailed below and that you read carefully and understand the instructions provided within the kits. If you do have any questions or concerns please follow the guidance included with the LFD testing kits or contact the Academy. If it is a medical emergency, that requires an immediate response, you should seek support by calling the appropriate medical service / response i.e. 111 or 999.

When should the tests be taken?

Children will need to carry out twice-weekly testing at home (three to four days apart) before coming into the Academy in the morning.

Can children and young people swab themselves?

Secondary pupils aged 11 should have the test administered by an adult. Pupils aged 12-17 should be supervised by an adult but can swab themselves.

What happens if we get a void result?

Take another LFD test. If you receive two void results in a row, you should book a PCR test.

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What happens if we get a positive result?

The individual who tested positive should isolate and book a PCR test. The rest of the household or close contacts who are under 18 years and 6 months or have been double jabbed are not required to isolate.

In addition to confirming your result to the Academy using the form above please also make urgent contact with your child's Pastoral Manager or Head of Year.

What happens if we get a negative result?

You can continue to attend the Academy but must follow all current guidance and continue to follow social distancing and good hygiene procedures.

Should my child take part if they have tested positive for Covid-19 in the past 90 days?

If your child has tested positive (through a PCR test) in the past 90 days, they do not have to take part in the testing process, but they may do so if they wish. However, if they do take part and they receive a positive test result from an LFD test, they will have to isolate in line with the guidance and arrange a PCR test.

Can other people in our household use LFD testing?

The LFD home test kits provided from school should only be used by the children to whom they are issued and by whom they are intended to be used

Participation and Data Protection

All participation in testing is voluntary, once you have understood the testing process and have read the privacy notice. The student privacy notice can be found on the Trust website, along with the other privacy notices. If you choose to participate you are committing to self-administer the test and report your results via the NHS Test & Trace digital platform and to your education setting.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact our reception team at the Academy or your child's Pastoral Manager or Head of Year should you have any questions.

Yours faithfully

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