



THE PRIORY ACADEMY
LSST

18th January 2021

COVID-19 Testing: Consent, Privacy Notice and Updates

Dear Parent/Carer,

On Wednesday 13th January 2021 we started COVID-19 testing for those students who are currently on site. Testing has gone very well so far and we are proud of how our students have conducted themselves through this process.

Consent

As it stands, the longer-term plan is still for all students to be tested when the Academy fully re-opens. This will involve two tests, three to five days apart. Although we currently do not know when this will be, we are keen to prepare as much as we can for the wider testing of students when they return. To aid this preparation and allow the Academy to test your child we are asking all parents to complete a consent form for their child to participate in testing before they come back into the Academy. If you are happy for your child to be tested for COVID-19 please can you complete the consent statement on line (one per student) using [this link](#). Paper copies of the consent form are available from the Academy reception.

Sixth Form students are able to give consent themselves so please pass the consent form onto your child if they are in the Sixth Form and you wish for them to complete it themselves. We are not able to test students if we have not received a consent form either electronically or on paper with them on the day of testing.

Once we have consent for your child to be tested, students aged 13 and older will be required to register on the NHS Track and Trace system. In order to speed up the registration process, if students have a smart phone they will be requested to take it with them when they go for testing in order to complete this registration process themselves. Academy staff will register students if they are aged 12 and under. In order to ensure that the correct details are accurately entered during the registration process it is very important that students have with them their parent/carers' mobile number and the first line of their address and postcode. We have had incidents where the student did not know the necessary details causing a delay in the process. These details are required so that the result of the test can be delivered to you as the parent/carer.

Students will not need to take part in testing if they have tested positive for COVID-19 in the 90 days prior to their test. Please could you update the Academy if this is the case for your child? We would however, ask for a consent form to be completed in anticipation of when testing can commence for them.

Privacy notice

The Trust specific Privacy Notice regarding COVID-19 testing which, is referred to on the consent form, can be found here: <https://www.prioryacademies.co.uk/page/?title=Privacy+Notice&pid=53>

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Up to date details

Could I take this opportunity to request that if any of your personal details such as email address or mobile telephone number have changed that you contact the Academy to let us know so that we have an up to date record of how to contact you.

Please also continue to keep us informed if your child/children test positive during this period of lockdown whilst at home with you.

Volunteers

Once again, I sincerely thank you for your ongoing support and understanding. A special thank you to those who have volunteered to help with our testing programme. If anyone else wishes to help please email lsstcovidattendance@prioryacademies.co.uk with your name and your most convenient contact number and a member of the Senior Leadership Team will be in touch.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs J Hopkinson
Headteacher

