

11 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is estimated that up to one in three people who have COVID-19 are asymptomatic and can spread the virus without knowing. Identifying those individuals will help to reduce the spread of the virus.

[The Government recently announced that all secondary and college aged students will be offered lateral flow testing prior to their return to school.](#)

Following the initial testing phase, we are asking students to carry out tests at home twice every week, 3-5 days apart, to help make the return to school safer for everyone.

Your child has been given 2 packs of 3 tests with a leaflet explaining how to take the tests and report the results. We would like you to follow the following testing schedule over the coming weeks

1 <sup>st</sup> test	2 <sup>nd</sup> test	3 <sup>rd</sup> test	4 <sup>th</sup> test	5 <sup>th</sup> test	6 <sup>th</sup> test
Wed	Sun	Wed	Sun	Wed	Sun
17 March	21 March	24 March	28 March	7 April	11 April

This initial allocation of 6 tests will cover the period until the end of the Easter holiday. Students will be given further kits on their return to school on 12 April. Note that students are not expected to test during the first week of the Easter holidays.

Tests are free of charge. Students must only use the tests allocated to them as each pack has been registered against an individual name.

If any test registers a positive result, please immediately report this result via the email address [covidresults@millthorpe.southbank.academy](mailto:covidresults@millthorpe.southbank.academy) as well as following the usual reporting process set out below.

## Taking the test

Students should continue to test twice a week on Wednesday and Sunday evenings until further notice. We will give students a leaflet with instructions on how to do the test with the kit; there is also a useful video to show you how to take the test [here](#).

[Help and support is available](#), including instructions in different languages on how to test and report the results and a video showing you how to take the test.

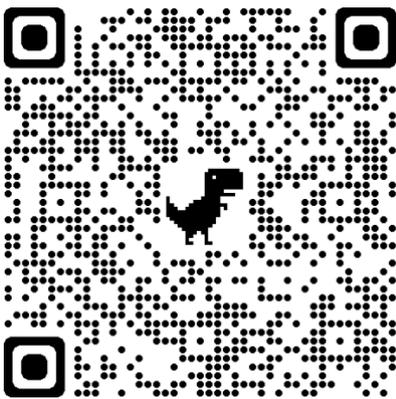
If the test is void, you will need to repeat the test and report both tests to the NHS test and trace website.

There is no need to keep test equipment after the test has been reported. You can put it in your normal household waste.

## Reporting your test results

You need to report your result to both NHS Test and Trace and Millthorpe School.

1. Follow this link to the NHS test and trace self report website:  
<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>  
**The school does not receive this result.**
2. You should also report the result of every test to school using the QR code below which will link you directly to a Google form. This QR code will also be available on the school website for your reference.



or use this link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc2y-xBhZ0bKUI9A-AMy\\_ZwR8XFzmwXgKc5LAGNYX5ANXJeA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc2y-xBhZ0bKUI9A-AMy_ZwR8XFzmwXgKc5LAGNYX5ANXJeA/viewform)

## Positive Results

If you have received a **positive** result from a Lateral Flow (LFD) test at home please immediately email [covidresults@millthorpe.southbank.academy](mailto:covidresults@millthorpe.southbank.academy) to enable school to begin to process the close contact tracing as soon as possible and help reduce transmission.

Following a positive LFD test at home, you should immediately [book a confirmatory PCR test](#) online or by calling 119. Whilst awaiting the PCR result, the pupil or student and their close contacts should self-isolate. School will identify any close contacts and they will also need to self-isolate.

If the PCR test is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test and a child, and any close contacts, can return to school. Please send a copy of any PCR test results (positive, negative or void) to school immediately [covidresults@millthorpe.southbank.academy](mailto:covidresults@millthorpe.southbank.academy) **This will enable all students to return to school if the test is negative.** Obviously, if the PCR result is also positive, your household will need to continue self-isolating.

## Negative Results

A negative LFD test result does not guarantee that a person is not carrying the virus. So students should continue to follow social distancing and other measures to reduce transmission such as wearing a face mask and regularly washing hands.

### If you or anyone in your household is symptomatic

Home LFD testing does not replace symptomatic testing. If you or anyone in your household develops symptoms of the virus you should follow [National guidelines on self-isolation and testing](#).

## All participation in testing is voluntary

Once you have understood the testing process and have read the privacy notice, if you choose to participate **you are committing to self-administer the test and report your results via the NHS Test and Trace digital platform and to your education setting.**

Before taking your test, please ensure you:

1. Have read the [privacy notice](#) to understand what will happen with your data
2. Are using the correct version of the Instructions for Use [v1.3.2](#) (this has been supplied by school)

People who decline to participate in this testing programme should follow the usual national guidelines on self-isolation and get tested if they show symptoms.

We are strongly encouraging all students to take part. Testing at home will allow your child and other students to attend school as safely as possible.



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Please contact [admin@millthorpe.southbank.academy](mailto:admin@millthorpe.southbank.academy) if you have any questions or concerns about home testing.

Thank you for your support.

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