



15th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

The Government has recently [announced](#) that all secondary aged students will be offered regular asymptomatic COVID-19 testing at home. All secondary aged students will be offered tests to take at home twice a week, so that we can reduce the spread of the virus.

Up to one in three people who have COVID-19 show no symptoms and can spread the virus without knowing. To reduce the spread of the virus, we need to identify those individuals. We can do this in schools by carrying out tests at home twice a week.

Testing students at home

Home testing will start on **Monday 22nd March** and test kits will be issued to students in school. Students will receive 2 packs of 3 tests with a leaflet on how to take the test and report the results to the NHS. We would like your son to take his tests before school every Monday and Thursday morning. Your son will be familiar with how to swab himself if you consented to in-school (or 'on site') testing. However, the following 7 minute [video](#) is a very useful summary of how to swab and perform the Lateral Flow Device (LFD) testing at home. Students aged 11 should have the test administered by an adult, students aged 12-17 should be supervised by an adult but can swab themselves.

If you did not consent to onsite testing but would like your son to participate in home testing please email covid@agsb.co.uk.

Please note that if your son has tested positive for Covid-19 in the last 90 days he should not participate in home testing until these 90 days have elapsed.

The result of each test needs to be reported using the [NHS Test & Trace](#) website. You will also need to inform the school the result of each test via the [school website](#).

You must also inform the school *by phone* if your son tests positive using the Lateral Flow Device.

If your son does test positive he must self-isolate together with your household; your son should then [obtain a PCR test](#). He can return to school if the PCR test is negative.

If the result of the home testing is void, your son should repeat the LFD test and record the second result.

A negative LFD result should not be read as a means to relax social distancing measures intended to reduce transmission; your son must continue to adhere to these guidelines.

Taking part

Although taking part in home testing is voluntary and all students will be able to attend school whether they take part in testing or not, we strongly encourage your son to participate; home testing is another valuable tool in the control of the spread of Covid-19.

I appreciate that this communication contains a large amount of information and I have therefore included a more straight-forward, step by step guide at the end. I have also attached the Privacy Notice which I encourage you to read.

Please contact myself if you have any questions or concerns about home testing.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emyr Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'E'.

Dr Emyr Thomas
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Covid-19 Testing at Home - Key Steps

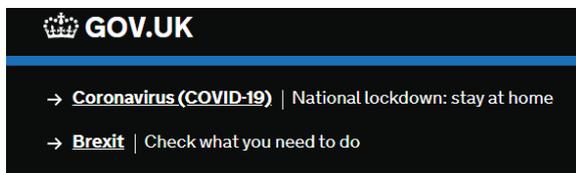
Before testing

- Watch the video and read the Privacy Notice
- Read the 'how to guide' and become familiar with contents of the testing kit. Do not open any packet or solution

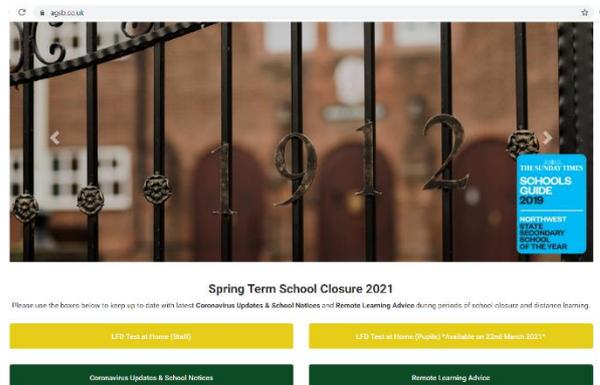
Testing day – Monday and Thursday morning

- Perform the LFD test first thing in the morning, ideally before breakfast
- Wait 30 minutes and record the result – positive, negative or void with both the NHS **and** the school website:

Click on the link on the images below to record results



Home > Coronavirus (COVID-19) > Testing for coronavirus (COVID-19)



Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result

- ***If positive phone the school (select option 1) to inform us as soon as possible***
- If void then repeat the test and record the second result; if void again inform the school via covid@agsb.co.uk.