

16th March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Lateral Flow Testing at Home

We have now received lateral flow tests for students to be able to use at home. These can be requested by parents and carers and collected from school. Parent signatures are required upon receipt and they will be available from the gate on Wednesday morning and Friday afternoon this week.

Wednesday from 08.15am to 09.15am during drop off from the carpark

Friday from 1.30pm to 2.30pm from the front gate

If you are unable to attend during this time, please contact office@lighthouseschool.co.uk to make alternative arrangements.

Test kits have 7 tests in them, and we will be providing 2 kits per student. Testing should be undertaken twice per week – Monday and Thursday mornings before school.

Paper copies of the instructions will be given with the kit, and there are simplified instructions attached which you may wish to use.

Reporting should be made to the school in the event of a positive or invalid result, and to the DfE regardless of the outcome of the test (see further information below).

What to do if the test result is Negative

- Inform the DfE using the link provided <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>
- Student should come into school as usual

What to do if the test result is Positive

- Inform the DfE using the link provided <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>
- Inform the school by emailing admin@lighthouseschool.co.uk or phoning the school on 0113 457 0605
- Book a PCR test through the link provided <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>
- Household should self-isolate until the result of this test is known, and then follow government guidance <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>



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What to do if the test result is Invalid

- Inform the DfE using the link provided <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>
- Inform the school by emailing admin@lighthouseschool.co.uk or phoning the school on 0113 457 0605
- Re-take the test
- If the outcome is negative or positive follow instructions above
- If the outcome is invalid book a PCR test through the link provided <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> and household should self-isolate as for a positive test

I have included some FAQs below, but if you have anything further that you would like to discuss or ask, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school admin email address above.

Thank you

Helen Manyanya
Deputy Principal

Frequently Asked Questions:

Is the test compulsory? Does the whole household need to test?

The tests are voluntary. The guidance is that all members of the household should test twice per week, and kits for other household members can be collected using the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

My child and/or a member of my family has had a positive result for Coronavirus in the last 90 days, should I still take the test?

No. The test should only be taken 90 days after a positive test result has been received. There is a possibility that a false positive result could be obtained, and the household would need to self-isolate for 10 days.

My child or someone in my household has Coronavirus Symptoms, should they still take the test?

No. A test should be booked for the person who has symptoms using the link below, and the household should self-isolate for 10 days. Please inform the school of this situation as soon as possible.

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

My child or someone in my household has had the vaccine, should I still take the test?

Yes. Whilst the vaccine lowers the risk and the potency of Covid-19, it does not fully stop someone from passing it on to others. Government advice is to take the tests as per instructions.

How often does my child need to take the test? How do I order more?

Students need to test twice per week – Monday and Thursday mornings before school. You will receive 2 packs with 7 tests in. Please contact school a week before you run out, so we can order more testing kits.



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Do we need to continue to test over the holiday period?

Yes, please continue over the holiday period.

Where do I find the instructions for the test?

Instruction booklets can be found in the kit; however, we have attached an easy to read version that you may find more useful to use with your child. The following link is to a video showing the process:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9XR8RZxKNo&t=142s>

Something in my kit is broken or missing, who do I report it to?

Please phone the school as soon as possible to report the problem and we will get another kit to you as soon as we can. Do not use the kit in the meantime.

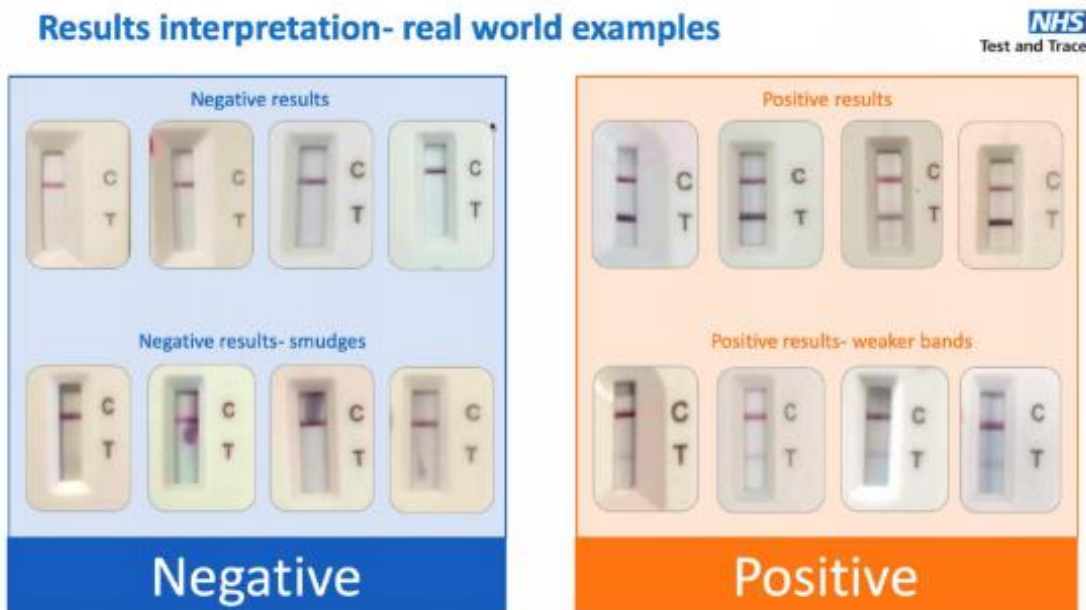
Where do I report the test?

You MUST report the result of the test using the link below, regardless of the result (positive, negative or invalid):

<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

You will then receive a text message and an email to confirm the result.

What do the different results look like?



What does an invalid result mean?

If the result is invalid, the test will need to be taken again. If the second test is invalid then a test MUST be booked at through the following website to take a PCR test:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Until the result of this test is made available the household will need to self-isolate.

All invalid test results need to be reported to the DfE and to the school.



What do I need to report to school?

You need to inform school if the result of any test taken in the household is positive or invalid. If the test is positive, the whole household will need to self-isolate for 10 days.

What happens if my child needs to self-isolate?

Work will be provided from school for your child, and they will be marked with X on the register (this will not affect their attendance figures).

Who should I contact if I have a query?

Please contact Helen Manyanya, Deputy Principal via the school email or phone number, and she will be happy to discuss any issues further.



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