



Secondary school and college(Learner letter) – summer and autumn testing arrangements

Dear Learners,

Thank you for your continued engagement in the Covid-19 testing programme. iCollege learners will return to school on Monday 6th September 2021.

The asymptomatic testing programme is being paused over the summer holidays in schools and for iCollege learners. You should continue to participate in the asymptomatic testing programme if you are attending iCollege for any reason over the summer.

If you are not attending the school over the summer but wish to access rapid lateral flow testing, you can continue to do so by ordering LFD test kits from GOV.UK or by collecting kits from your local pharmacy.

We are unsure about the Covid situation we will face in the autumn, so we want to be prepared for all scenarios. Subject to public health advice, testing may restart on return in the autumn. If it does, we expect to offer you **two** tests on-site before continuing regular testing at home. You will receive further details from your Lead Teacher between 1st and 3rd September.

If you are transitioning to a new iCollege unit, you should start testing on arrival in the autumn.

This is the most effective way to reduce the risk of transmission and support the continuation of face-to-face education. We recognise, however, the need to minimise any disruption to education and to continue to support your mental wellbeing. The government will continue to review the future need for testing in light of any changes to the public health situation.

You must report results, even if your result is negative or void. You should also keep a note of and share your results with your iCollege Lead Teacher.

Reporting results is easy. Go to [report a COVID-19 lateral flow test result](#) or call 119 free from a mobile or landline. Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm. Support is offered in 200 languages as well as British Sign Language.

Testing twice weekly is helping us stay ahead of the virus by spotting new outbreaks quickly and plan our response. The preparations that schools and colleges are advised to take are subject to further public health advice and the latest position on prevalence of the COVID-19 virus.

Yours faithfully,
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