



## Secondary school and college(staff letter) – summer and autumn testing arrangements 20.07.21

Dear colleague/staff member,

Thank you for your continued engagement in the Covid-19 testing programme. Please continue to test twice weekly and report your results until the end of the summer term.

The asymptomatic testing programme is being paused for secondary schools and colleges that will be closed over the summer holidays. Staff attending iCollege for any reason should continue to test twice a week.

If you are not attending the school over the summer but wish to access rapid lateral flow testing, you can continue to do so collecting from Karen Price / nominated administrator or 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, staff should test twice weekly before coming into school, ideally in the morning. If you cannot take the test in the morning, you should take it as soon as possible before coming into school.

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 nominated administrator on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021

**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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