

Secondary school and college parent letter – summer and autumn testing arrangements

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

The asymptomatic testing programme is being paused for students in secondary schools and colleges that will be closed over the summer holidays and we will not be providing test kits for over the summer break.

If you or your child are not attending a setting 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.

If your child is transitioning to new educational settings, they should start testing on arrival at their new setting in the autumn.

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 is restarting on return in the autumn. We will offer your child **two** tests on-site before continuing regular testing at home. These two tests will take place during our INSET days to avoid any disruption to the start of term. The times are as follows:

2nd and 6th Sept 21

- 13.00 to 13.20 **10Mi**
- 13.20 to 13.40 **10B**
- 13.40 to 14.00 **10Me**
- 14.00 to 14.20 **7N**
- 14.20 to 14.40 **7P**
- 14.40 to 15.00 **7D**
- 15.00 to 15.20 **7Mi**
- 15.20 to 15.40 **7B**
- 15.40 to 16.00 **7Me**

3rd and 7th Sept 21

- 10.00 to 10.20 **8N**
- 10.20 to 10.40 **8P**
- 10.40 to 11.00 **8D**
- 11.00 to 11.20 **8Mi**
- 11.20 to 11.40 **8B**
- 11.40 to 12.00 **8Me**
- 12.10 to 12.30 **9N**
- 12.30 to 12.50 **9P**
- 12.50 to 13.10 **9D**
- 13.40 to 14.00 **9Mi**
- 14.20 to 14.40 **9B**
- 14.40 to 15.00 **9Me**
- 15.00 to 15.20 **10N**
- 15.20 to 15.40 **10P**
- 15.40 to 16.00 **10D**

Testing will take place at our new site: Great Northern Road, Derby, DE1 1LR.

Students should enter through the pedestrian entrance or can be dropped off at the drop off car park at the front of school. Please aim to limit the amount of car traffic as all staff will be on site and we will have limited parking space.

They should aim to arrive no more than 5 minutes before their appointment time.

We do need to collect your consent for this testing; please register this using the following link:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Jdd87-JnyEiwWrcpkWBNht_AgofWraNDisHg11lvDQtUMzRFUU5PU01GUEhJSIZZSE9aQIRJTk1TWS4u

All questions asked are needed by Public Health when we report the results.

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 child's mental wellbeing. The government will continue to review the future need for testing in light of any changes to the public health situation.

When participating in the weekly lateral flow testing, you must report your child's test results, even if their result is negative or void. You should also keep a note of and let us know if your child's result is positive by emailing info@derbycathedralschool.org.uk or telephoning as soon as you see a positive result. by

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,



Mrs J. Brown

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