

Home Testing Kits for Pupils Years 7 and 8



OAKFIELD ACADEMY
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Wednesday 10th March 2021

Dear Parent,

Thank you to all the pupils that have taken part in the COVID screening in school, they have been fantastic and very grown up about why the screening is important regarding keeping themselves, their families and our community safe. Many people with coronavirus have mild, or even no symptoms, but can still spread the virus. With regular self-testing we can slow the spread and help protect the most vulnerable in our families and communities.

Home Testing:

As a further expansion of this asymptomatic testing programme, all our Year 7 and 8 pupils will be offered home test kits with clear instructions for use and how to report the results. All staff at the Academy have also been provided with home test kits to allow them to test twice a week at home. Testing is voluntary but we would encourage as many people as possible to take part to help reduce the prevalence of the virus. If you do not wish your child to take part in the home self-screening programme then please contact the academy and a COVID-19 self-test kit will not be given to your child to take home.

Consent:

You do not need to give us consent as taking part in the screening test is consent in itself.

Distribution of Test Kits:

Pupils who have completed their screening tests on site will be given their first batch of kits and instructions on Friday 12th March.

All other pupils will receive their kits during the week beginning Monday 15th March unless you have asked for them not to.

When:

These tests are for the pupils ONLY and should be taken twice a week, 3 to 5 days apart.

Staff have been using Mondays and Thursdays as a 'rough' guide to remind them when to do them, but you can of course plan times that work best for your family.

Reporting ALL Results:

When home testing it is your responsibility to report every result whether it is positive, negative or void to the NHS Test and Trace and also the Academy as the results do not automatically feed back to us.

Register the result with the NHS here: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

Register your results with the academy here: <https://forms.gle/X9G9dgLvX8evbDGHA> this can be found under pupils-little lessons and it is the rainbow NHS banner at the bottom of the page titled 'Log your Screening Results here'

This is a link to the privacy notice <http://oakfieldacademy.co.uk/academy/policies>

How to take a coronavirus self-test swab: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zCqo7MhQT6U>

Yours Sincerely

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