

WALTON LEDALE HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Carer,

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 that will be closed over the summer holidays. Your child should continue to test twice a week if they are attending face to face education in school over the summer.

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 will restart on return in the autumn term. Your child will be offered **two** tests on-site before continuing regular testing at home. Testing will take place as follows:

Thursday, 2nd September – Years 7 & 11

Friday, 3rd September – Years 8 & 10

Monday, 6th September – Year 9 & 7

Tuesday, 7th September – Year 11 & 8

Wednesday, 8th September – Year 10 & 9

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.

You must report your child's test results, even if their result is negative or void. You should also keep a note of and share your child's results with their school/college. If your child's result is positive please email: head@waltonledale.lancs.sch.uk or s.eckersley@waltonledale.lancs.sch.uk

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 Stacey Eckersley
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