

**Question and Answer sheet provided by Kensington and Chelsea Council**

Questions	Response
<p><b>What does testing involve?</b></p>	<p>Students will be asked to take a test using a new technology called a Lateral Flow Test (LFT). The test will check if you currently have COVID-19.</p> <p>For this, we will ask you to do a throat and nose swab and NHS Test &amp; Trace will let you know your result in 30 minutes. We will ask you to complete the swabbing yourself, supervised by a trained staff member. A swab is a small piece of soft, absorbent material on a plastic stick that is used to take a sample from your nose and throat.</p> <p>The test is very straightforward, and students will be supported throughout the process by a trained member of staff from the testing team. Full instructions will be provided to you upon your scheduled visit.</p> <p>The <a href="#">NHS Test and Trace explainer video</a> describes the Test and Trace service and more information on how testing works.</p>
<p><b>What does the result mean?</b></p>	<p>NHS Test &amp; Trace will send the result via text message and/or the e-mail that is provided on the registration form.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Positive</b> – If a student tests positive, they must inform a member of staff immediately and arrangements will be made for the student to go home and self-isolate. They will be asked to take a PCR test which is a standard swab test to confirm that they have the virus. They will receive this through the school, and they will get the result within 72 hours. They will need to self-isolate until they get their result. See further details <a href="#">here</a></li> </ul> <p>If they test positive again, they will need to continue to self-isolate for 10 days from the date of their first positive test. Anyone the individual lives with should self-isolate for 10 days from the date of the first positive test. The school will also follow national guidance to identify any close contacts and send other students home to self-isolate for 10 days where appropriate, even if they have had a negative LFD test result. This is because of the incubatory nature of the virus, which means individuals are infectious for 4 hours before symptoms develop and for the 10 days after.</p> <p>It is strongly recommended that the person testing positive self-isolates immediately after receiving the positive LFD result.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Inconclusive</b> – We will ask the student to do another LFT test. If this is inconclusive too, we will discuss this with them.</li> <li>● <b>Negative</b> – This does not guarantee that the student does not have COVID-19 as the LFD test is only reliable at that exact point of time, it doesn't mean they can't become infected, therefore they must please continue to follow guidance as below. They will still need to take precautions to avoid spreading the virus, including following social distancing and wear a face covering where necessary.</li> </ul> <p>While a negative test will provide some assurance as to whether you have the COVID-19 virus, it is not a guarantee. To keep others and our school safe, we ask that you please continue to follow the below guidelines:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Stay at home if you are feeling unwell, including if you have a fever, a cough or a change in your taste and smell.</li> <li>● Follow the hands, face, space guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Hands-</b> Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds regularly, use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available</li> <li>○ <b>Face</b> - Wear something that covers your mouth and nose when in enclosed spaces</li> <li>○ <b>Space</b> - stay at least 2 metres apart from anyone you do not live with - or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Is the result accurate?</b>	<p>LFT tests are highly specific, which means that only a small proportion of people who do not have coronavirus will receive a positive result (false positive<sup>1</sup>).</p> <p>Although they give a result much more quickly, LFT tests are not as sensitive as other tests (e.g. the PCR<sup>2</sup> tests available in testing sites). If you test positive on an LFT test, it is likely that you are infectious at that moment, whereas people testing positive on more sensitive tests could be in the less infectious early or late stages of disease.</p>
<b>Who sees the test results? How is this data stored?</b>	<p>Although testing staff will know if a test comes back positive or negative, the test is linked to a barcode given to you when you arrive for testing – we will not know <u>who</u> the test relates to.</p> <p>Students will receive their results directly by email and/or text message from NHS Test &amp; Trace. A copy of the result will be sent to the individual's GP. Positive results are also sent to Public Health England to understand the spread of the virus. We ask that you please inform the sixth form team so that we can best support you.</p> <p>Data will be stored in line with the Records Management Code of Practice for Health and Social Care 2016. This means information will be kept for up to 8 years before it is disposed of.</p>
<b>Do I have to consent to my child being tested?</b>	<p>Children aged 16-17 may take a lateral flow test unaccompanied for either a self-administered, or assisted test, provided staff are satisfied that they are able to consent to their own medical treatment without a parent or guardian present. However, testing is not mandatory, and you do not have to attend.</p>

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<sup>1</sup>False positives are when **people test positive for Covid-19** despite not actually being infected with the virus  
A PCR test stands for polymerase chain reaction test. This is a diagnostic test that determines if you are infected by analysing a sample to see if it contains genetic material from the virus