CHSG Home Testing – Questions & Answers

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- **If my daughter has symptoms should she take the LFD test?**

  No, these kits are for asymptomatic students only. If your daughter has symptoms she must self-isolate and you must request a PCR test from the NHS website. https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

- **Can children and young people swab themselves?**

  Students aged 11 should have the test administered by an adult, and students aged 12-17 should be supervised by an adult but can swab themselves.

- **How often do students need to test?**

  Twice a week on a Sunday and Wednesday.

- **Where does my child get her test kits?**

  Your child will be given test boxes on Friday 10th September.

- **How do I request more boxes if my daughter has run out of tests?**

  Email the school office office@chsg.org.uk and they will give them to your daughter.

- **Who do I need to report my child's results to?**

  You will need to report any result, positive, negative or void to the school via TestRegister (the link to activate your account will be sent separately) and NHS Test & Trace. We recommend that you report the results via TestRegister first as this will then direct you to the NHS Test & Trace website.

- **What do the results mean?**

  - Positive – If your child gets a **positive result**, it means they are currently infected with coronavirus and risk infecting others. When you report their result, you will be provided with further information on the next steps to take.

    Your child should then complete a confirmatory PCR test https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

    If the PCR test is negative your child can return to school immediately, should it be positive they must remain isolating.

  Your child, anyone who lives with your child, and anyone in your support bubble, must self-isolate in accordance with current national and local guidance, which can be found at www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/

  Please contact the school office on 0208 647 8294 to notify us of your daughters absence. The Head of Year will then contact you to discuss remote learning arrangements.

  - Negative - If you get a **negative result**, it is likely that you were not infectious at the time the test was taken. A negative test result, however, is not a guarantee that you do not have coronavirus so please maintain the normal COVID-19 protocols.

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If you develop symptoms of a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of taste or smell you and your household must self-isolate and get another test at **www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test** or by calling the customer contact centre. Lines open every day, 7am to 11 pm.

If you test negative, you **must** continue to follow national and local rules and guidelines including regular handwashing, social distancing and wearing face coverings, where required.

➢ VOID - If you get a **void result**, this means that the test has not run correctly. You need to take another test. Use a new test kit, but do not reuse anything from the first kit.

- **How long does my child need to isolate for if they receive a positive result?**

Your child needs to isolate for 10 full days starting the day after the LFD test.

Recording Results

- **Do I need to call the school every time my daughter does a test?**

No, unless they have tested positive and we need to discuss remote learning with you. By submitting your results to TestRegister this is your notification to us. TestRegister will send us an email with the confirmation of a positive result.

- **Why do I need to submit the result twice?**

When taking a home test you are agreeing to letting your educational setting and NHS Test & Trace know of the results. Due to the large volume of administration associated with the recording of all test results we are using a system called TestRegister. To date NHS Test & Trace cannot notify schools directly of your results.

- **If I have obtained LFD tests for my household via the NHS do I record the results on TestRegister too?**

No, we only need the results of our students. We can only accept the results of LFD kits that we have supplied.

- **How do I register and use TestRegister?**

Please see attached TestRegister – How to Guide

- **Will I get reminders to test my child?**

TestRegister will send out email reminders on the day of your test and a reminder if you have not recorded your result.