



1 March 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

As you are aware from the Principal's letter on [26th February 2021](#), we are returning to school with new guidance from the Government on Lateral Flow Tests.

The guidance states that when returning to school, students will be offered three Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests spaced three to five days apart. This is so students have undertaken some testing in a supervised setting, and have had the chance to familiarise themselves with self-swabbing. Students are able to return to school after their first negative lateral flow test and complete the other 2 tests whilst attending school.

Following the three initial tests taken in school students will move to testing at home and they will be provided with kits to do this. It is important that initially students are supervised whilst swabbing to make sure they are doing it correctly. This is why testing will initially take place on-site (via the Lord Grey Testing Centre). Testing on-site first is a condition of being able to transition students to test at home.

Testing is voluntary and individuals will be allowed to attend school even if they decide not to take part in testing. However, we strongly encourage all of our students to have the test to help identify asymptomatic positive cases and support appropriate self-isolation to break the chain of transmission. Anyone with symptoms, whether they are involved in this programme or not, should book a free NHS test and follow government self-isolation guidance until the results of their test are known. Please see the frequently asked questions at the end of this letter.

What is a lateral flow test?

In order to understand the process of a lateral flow device, please take some time to look at the information and video clips [here](#). The lateral flow tests are easy to undertake and require you to swab your nose and throat. For the tests taken in school students are supervised by trained members of staff.

Students with SEND considerations:

We recognise that self-swabbing may cause concerns for some children and young people with SEND. Some of these concerns may be alleviated by discussing them with the child and their family, agreeing strategies to help reduce anxiety and putting in place any reasonable adjustments. With careful and sensitive management, we are confident that the asymptomatic testing programme can be rolled out to most children and young people with SEND. Please do contact sally.cass@lordgrey.org.uk with any concerns you may have here.

Lateral Flow testing at Lord Grey Academy commencing 8th March:

It is advised that students should be kept apart before their first test to prevent those unknowingly carrying COVID 19 from transmitting it to others. So therefore we will be asking students to arrive on the following days and at the following times. It is important that your child does not miss their slot. They do not need to wear school uniform, however they should wear a mask at all times except when self-administering the tests and adhere to social distancing.

They will enter through reception, into the hall to register for the test, self-administer the test and exit via the fire door leaving the school premises via Rickley Lane. It is important that during this period of national lockdown, your child leaves and goes straight home.



Date	Time	Group	Time	Group
Friday 5th March Thursday 11th March Tuesday 16th March	Sixth Form		Year 11	
	9am	6A	11am	C11CPA
	9.15am	6B	11.30am	C11KXH
	9.30am	6D	12pm	C11LPH
	9.45am	6E	12.30pm	E11RHX
	10am	6F	1pm	E11ALM
	10.15am	6G	1.20pm	E11VAN
	10.30am	6C & 6T	1.40pm	L11LME
			2pm	L11NMC
			2.30pm	L11CHE
		3pm	T11DSM	
		3.30pm	T11LKA	
		4pm	T11LPE	
Monday 8th March Friday 12th March Wednesday 17th March	Year 9		Year 10	
	9am	C9BWW	1.10pm	C10KBE
	9.20am	C9CRA	1.20pm	C10SGR
	9.40am	C9RMX	1.40pm	C10WOL
	10am	E9JBU	2pm	E10DVA
	10.20am	E9SCC	2.15pm	E10JCG
	10.40am	E9SMD	2.30pm	E10SPA
	11am	L9GSG	2.45pm	L10BLM
	11.20am	L9LVS	3pm	L10NLA
	11.40am	L9NPA	3.15pm	L10RRE
	12pm	T9KAD	3.30pm	T10HBR
	12.30pm	T9KPA	3.45pm	T10HWE
	12.50pm	T9MLL	4pm	T10LIA
Tuesday 9th March Monday 15th March Thursday 18th March	Year 7			
	9.30am	C7GTH		
	10am	CLDI		
	10.30am	C7MCO		
	11am	E7LRA		
	11.30am	E7MDO		
	12pm	E7RBE		
	12.30pm	L7DCH		
	1pm	L7KHW		
	1.30pm	L7MMO		
2pm	T7AMX			
2.30pm	T7DAD			
3pm	T7HCN			
Wednesday 10th March Monday 15th March Thursday 18th March	Year 8			
	9.30am	C8KHL		
	10am	C8MBR		
	10.30am	C8SSU		
	11am	E8BWN		
	11.30am	E8CSN		
	12pm	E8JMA		
	12.30pm	L8LAL		
	1pm	L8MHA		
	1.30pm	L8MVI		
2pm	T8DFE			
2.30pm	T8JME			
3pm	T8RRI			

Home Lateral Flow testing

We will be writing to parents next week about the organisation of the home self-administered lateral flow testing and procedures of reporting those results to us at school.

You can find our Privacy notice for students and parents [here](#).

Yours sincerely

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Frequently Asked Questions from NHS website:

What if my child tests positive?

If a pupil tests positive on a lateral flow device, they will need to self-isolate for 10 days and follow the guidance from NHS Test and Trace.

What happens if the test is negative?

While a small number of pupils may need to repeat the test if the first test was invalid or void for some reason, after the first test students go home to wait for their result. On test 2 and 3 conducted during school hours, pupils who test negative will be able to stay in Lord Grey and resume their activities as normal. Pupils will be informed of negative test results via email. Where participants are under 16, parents or legal guardians will also be informed via the main email account on the go4schools system.

What if students have been in close contact with someone in Lord Grey Academy who tests positive?

The student will be notified that they are a close contact by the Lord Grey Academy and will need to self-isolate for 10 days in line with Government guidance. Parents will be contacted to pick up their child immediately and to isolate at home. It is important that the first test is taken and students wait for results at home to ensure this does not have contact with others resulting in isolation periods.

What if my child develops symptoms?

This testing programme at Lord Grey Academy is for people with no symptoms. If your child develops symptoms at any time (including a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste) they must immediately self-isolate and book a test by calling 119 or visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. Any positive test result will also need to be reported via positivecovidtest@lordgrey.org.uk.