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Principal - Mr T Beesley

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Dear Parent or Carer,

CONFIRMED POSITIVE CASE IN YEAR 10

Our on-site asymptomatic testing programme has gone very well so far, with more than 2000 lateral-flow device (LFD) tests completed since last Wednesday. The vast majority of students have now had two of their three tests in College, with some students having had their first test this week. All of these tests have produced a negative result, apart from one – a Year 10 student, who was asymptomatic, and received a positive result after his second on-site test. He, along with the rest of his household and 19 possible close contacts in his Year group, are now self-isolating for 10 days.

ASYMPTOMATIC HOME-TESTING

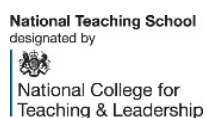
Testing students at home

Once a student has undergone their third LFD test in College, they will be provided with a testing kit, to be used at home twice every week, 3-4 days apart.

Students will be provided with their home test kits when they attend their third test in College, starting from today for Year 11 & Sixth Form students. We would like them to take their tests before College twice per week, on days that best suit you as a family, but they must be between 3 & 4 days apart. You will also need to inform us about the result of each test, by using the following process:

- **Any positive test must be reported immediately to my PA, Mrs Metheringham, by phoning College on 01625 426138, or emailing principalpa@allhallows.org.uk.**
- All void or negative test results should be recorded by completing this [Covid Reporting Form](#)

Tests are free of charge. Students will receive two boxes with 3 tests in each box, as well as a leaflet on how to take the test and report the results. Make sure you have enough time to do the test before going to College. Preferably this would be in the morning before coming into College, however, we understand that for some people this may be challenging. Tests can, therefore, be taken the evening, before College, if needed. You need to report test results.



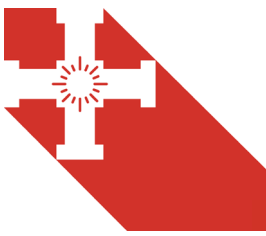
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Taking the test

Students should take the test before coming into College, twice a week. We will give students a leaflet with instructions on how to do the test with the kit. There is also a useful video to show you how to take the test [here](#).

There is also other help and support available [here](#), including instructions in different languages on how to test and report the results. There is no need to keep used test equipment after the test result has been reported, you can put it in your normal bin (household waste). This does not replace symptomatic testing. If you have symptoms, you should self-isolate immediately, book a PCR test and follow national guidelines.

What should you do after the test?

If anyone tests positive you, your household, any support bubbles you are part of should self-isolate immediately in line with NHS Test and Trace guidance for 10 days. You need to report your result to both NHS Test and Trace and College. You should order a confirmatory PCR test if you are testing at home (confirmatory PCR tests are not needed if the test was conducted at the Asymptomatic Test Site in College). If the result of the test is unclear (void) you should do another test.

Negative and void results should be reported to both NHS Test & Trace and College. A negative result does not guarantee that you are not carrying the virus, so, you should continue to follow social distancing, and other measures to reduce transmission such as wearing a face mask and regularly washing your hands and observing social distancing. If you or anyone in your household gets symptoms of the virus you should follow national guidelines on self-isolation and testing.

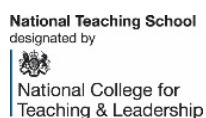
You need to report each test result

The result of each test needs to be reported using the NHS Test & Trace self-report website: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>. You will also need to inform College of the result of each test, as per the process above.

Why take part

Taking part in testing is voluntary and all students will be able to attend College whether they are taking part in testing or not. It is strongly encouraged for all students to take part, though, as testing at home will allow your child and other students to attend College as safely as possible.

Please contact Mrs Thea Quayle, our Medical Needs Coordinator, at t.quayle@allhallows.org.uk, if you have any questions or concerns about home testing.



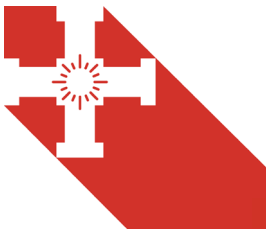
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How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

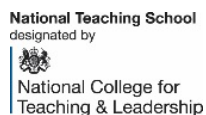
Further Information

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>.

Finally, thank you once again to our fantastic team of staff and volunteers, who have made our testing programme such a success so far.

God Bless

Tim Beesley
Principal



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