



# The Ripley Academy and Sixth Form



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## Asymptomatic testing on return to school in January

Dear Parents/Carers,

All secondary schools have been advised that they are required to conduct **one on-site** lateral flow test on students as they return to school in January.

At present, all students will return to school on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 8.30am and over the first two days they will take part in one lateral flow test conducted by the school testing team. Nevertheless, it is still advised that students conduct a separate lateral flow test at home on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January to ensure they are negative before returning to school the following day.

The plan for testing each year group is as follows:

	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January
Period 2	Year 11	Year 8
Period 3	Year 10	Year 9
Period 4	Year 12/13	Year 7
Period 5		Year 7

If you previously consented to testing then you do NOT need to complete the consent form again as your previous consent will still apply. Students over the age of 16 can consent themselves to the testing but all those under 16 require parental consent before testing can be completed. Students will not undertake testing without parental consent unless they are aged over 16.

If you have not previously consented to testing but are happy for your child to be tested, please complete the electronic consent form using this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/fKwrrciVMM>. You will need to complete separate consent forms for each child by Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at the latest. The terms of consent are shown below this letter. Please read them carefully before completing the consent form.

Those taking the test will be supervised by trained staff. The 'lateral flow' tests are quick and easy, using a swab from each nostril. Results (which take 15 minutes from testing) will be shared via text message/email with parents or legal guardians where participants are under 16.

All testing will be offered free of charge.

**The Ripley Academy, Peasehill, Ripley, Derbyshire, DE5 3JQ.**

### **What if a pupil tests positive?**

Participating pupils who test positive will be informed about their results individually. Where participants are under 16, parents or legal guardians will also be notified.

Pupils who return a positive lateral flow test will need to take a further 'PCR test' (similar to those conducted in local and regional testing sites) on the same day (or as soon as possible). These can be requested online at [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test) or by calling 119 to book a drive-through test. Please note that visiting a drive-through test site will return a result faster than requesting a home test.

During this time while your child awaits the PCR result (via text / email) they will need to follow the [government guidelines to self-isolate](#).

If the PCR test returns a positive result your child will have to self-isolate for 10 days and follow the guidance from NHS Test and Trace.

### **What happens if the test is negative?**

Your child will be able to remain in school and resume their activities as normal. A small number of pupils may need to repeat the test if the first test was invalid or void for some reason.

### **What if my child develops symptoms?**

Lateral flow tests are for people with no symptoms. If your child develops symptoms at any time (such as 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 PCR test by calling 119 (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) or by visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

### **Are students continuing to conduct lateral flow tests at home?**

Yes, it is highly recommended that students continue to test twice weekly during the Christmas holiday period. A further home testing kit will be supplied to each student before they break up from school so they are able to undertake regular (twice weekly) testing from home.

Should you have any further questions relating to the testing, please do not hesitate to contact me via phone or email ([jscattergood@ripleyacademy.org](mailto:jscattergood@ripleyacademy.org)).

Yours faithfully,



Miss Jayne Scattergood  
Deputy Headteacher

## Terms of consent

1. I have had the opportunity to consider the information provided by the school/college about the testing, ask questions and have had these answered satisfactorily, based on the information presented in the letter dated [13/12/2021] and the attached Privacy Notice.
2. In the case of under 16s, I have discussed the testing with my child and my child is happy to participate. If on the day of testing they do not wish to take part, then they will not be made to do so and consent can be withdrawn at any time ahead of the test.
3. I consent to my child having a double nasal swab for lateral flow tests. My child will self-swab if my child is able to, otherwise I understand that assistance is available. In the case of under 16s or pupils who are not able to provide informed consent, I have discussed the testing with my child and they are happy to participate and self-swab.
4. I understand that there may be multiple tests required and this consent covers all tests for my child. If, on the day of testing they do not wish to take part, then I understand they will not be made to do so and that consent can be withdrawn at any time ahead of the test.
5. I consent that my child's sample(s) will be tested for the presence of COVID-19.
6. I understand that if my child's result(s) is negative on the lateral flow test I will not be contacted by the school/college except where they are a close contact of a confirmed positive.
7. If the lateral flow test indicates the presence of COVID-19, I consent to my child having a nose and throat swab for confirmatory PCR testing. They will follow the instructions on the PCR Kit to return the test the same day to an NHS Test & Trace laboratory.
8. If the lateral flow test indicates the presence of COVID-19, I commit to ensuring that my child is removed from school premises as promptly as possible, bearing in mind they may have some anxiety following a positive test result.
9. I consent that they will need to self-isolate following a positive lateral flow test result, until the results of the confirmatory PCR have been received.
10. I agree that if my child's test results are confirmed to be positive from this PCR test, I will report this to the school and I understand that my child will be required to self-isolate following public health advice.