



## COVID Testing for Students and Staff

### FAQ Document

### March 2021

1. *My son/daughter tested positive for COVID-19 less than 90 days ago, can he/she take a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test?*

Please inform us of the date of the positive test result via [enquiries@notleyhigh.com](mailto:enquiries@notleyhigh.com) We will schedule the first of the three tests in school for as close a date to the end of the 90 day period as possible.

However, if the date of the positive test was between 80 and 90 days ago, it is acceptable for your son/daughter to be tested at their designated year group testing slot at the beginning of March.

2. *I have tests for home use already. Can I use one of these tests for my son/daughter at home, instead of sending them into school for the first test?*

No, students must take 3 tests on site before we are able to provide tests for home use. Students must use the tests that have been allocated to them and not tests that have been allocated to members of their family.

3. *Can you send the tests for home use now?*

The tests for home use are due for delivery by Friday 12 March 2021. We will distribute the tests once the 3 tests have been completed in school.

4. *The time allocated for the first test is not convenient. Can my son/daughter take their test in school another time?*

If the time slot is not convenient, you can visit <https://www.essex.gov.uk/getting-tested-for-covid-19/if-you-dont-have-symptoms>

The local facility is:

**Braintree (Witham)**

[Witham Town Football Club, Spa Road, Witham, CM8 1UN](#)

If a test is taken at the local LFD testing centre, please inform the school of the results of the test via [enquiries@notleyhigh.com](mailto:enquiries@notleyhigh.com)

5. *I have not completed a consent form. Can my son/daughter still take a test?*

Unless we are in receipt of a signed consent form, we will be unable to provide tests in school and will not be able to provide tests for home use. Consent forms must be completed by 6pm on Wednesday 3 March 2021.

Sixth form students can complete their consent forms themselves.

6. *Can my son/daughter eat/drink before his/her LFD test?*

Food and drink should not be consumed 30 minutes prior to taking a test.

7. *My son/daughter has received a vaccination for COVID-19. Can they still be tested?*

Yes, students that have had a vaccination can still participate in the testing programme.

8. *My son/daughter has had a COVID test recently and I have a recorded result. Does my son/daughter still need to have the tests in school?*

Yes, we will still carry out three tests in school. The third test will be scheduled for w/c 15 March 2021.

9. *Where should my son/daughter go to for their first COVID test in school?*

Students should go directly to the basketball courts and wait for a member of staff to escort them into the school building via the PE doors. The tests will take place in the gym. Students will exit the building via Student Services. The routes are well signposted for students and staff.

10. *Will the back gate to the field be open for my son/daughter to access the school site?*

The back gate will only be open while the first tests are being processed for students on 4, 5, 8 and 10 March 2021.

*11. My son/daughter is currently unable to attend school for health reasons. When will he/she receive his/her first test in school?*

Students who are currently unable to attend school, will be offered their first tests on their first day back in school (having provided consent in advance).

*12. If I do not provide consent for the LFD test and a close contact student tests positive, will my son/daughter be sent home to self isolate for 10 days? If I do provide consent for the LFD test and my son/daughter has a negative LFD test result but a close contact student tests positive, will my son/daughter be able to remain in school?*

Students who are identified as a close contact will be told to isolate regardless of whether they have had the LFD test or not. There is no close contact testing at present.

*13. Does my son/daughter need to wear school uniform on the day of their first test in school?*

Students do not need to wear school uniform for their first tests in school, if taken between 4 and 10 March 2021, but should be in full school uniform on their return to full time studies.

*14. What happens after my son/daughter takes their LFD test in school?*

Parents/carers will receive their child's result by email and/or text message by the end of the day of the test. This will be sent to the contact details provided on the consent form. The communication comes from the NHS and not the school. It takes time for the school to load all the data and then the results.

Please note that if a positive result comes through, we will know within 30 minutes of the test and act on this immediately, following the school procedures.