

25th March 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians/Students & Colleagues

Many thanks to everyone who has already returned their Lateral Flow Test Consent Form.

On Friday 26th March, all students and members of staff who returned a Consent Form, will be provided with their first batch of testing kits. These kits contain 7 tests, which will allow testing to take place over three weeks, with a spare test in the event that one produces a VOID result. These tests are to be used only by the person to whom they have been allocated.

As a school community, our nominated testing days are **Sunday** and **Wednesday** evenings. Our first test is scheduled to take place on **Sunday 28th March** - this will be our only testing date prior to the Easter holidays.

The first test date of the third term will be **Sunday 11th April**, with the next being **Wednesday 14th April** and every **Sunday** and **Wednesday** evening following, up until the end of June.

Please remember:

The test results will be available the evening before you would otherwise attend school, which allows you to make arrangements if you receive a positive result. The results take approximately 30mins with at least 30 minutes elapsed between having last eaten and taking the test.

Once the test has been taken, you must follow these instructions:

If the **LFD** result is **negative**:

- You can attend school the next day and continue to follow all public health advice in place at that time.
- You must report your result to the NHS portal - <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

If the **LFD** result is **positive**:

- You and your household bubble should self-isolate.
- You should report your result to the NHS portal - <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> which will guide you through the process to book a confirmatory PCR.
- You should also inform the school.

If the confirmatory **PCR** is **negative**:

- You can return to school

If the confirmatory **PCR** is **positive** you are a confirmed case:

- You and your household must self-isolate and inform the school.
- The school will active the confirmed case protocol for the identified close contact group.

Please note, you must contact the school and inform Mrs McGeown, SWO if your test is POSITIVE, VOID or if you DID NOT TEST, as we have been asked to keep a record of this.

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Anyone who has not yet collected or returned a Consent Form can do so in the following ways:

- S2 - please collect from, and return Consent Forms to Mr Boyle
- S3 - please collect from, and return Consent Forms to Mrs Grant
- S4 - please collect from, and return Consent Forms to Mr Finn

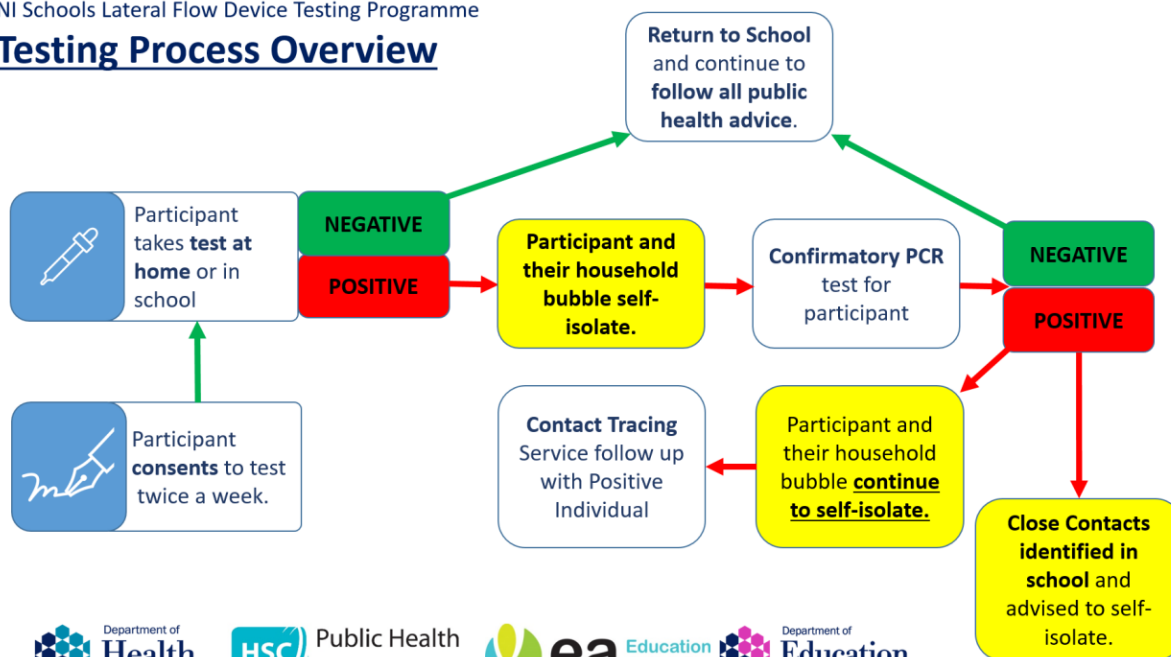
Staff members can return Consent Forms to Mrs McGeown.

As a school we support the use of this asymptomatic testing programme as it is believed to be the next stage in the fight against COVID 19, enabling us to keep our school open and our community safe.

The flow chart below is a useful summary of the processes to be followed. If you have any further queries, please contact the College Reception on 02830262451.

NI Schools Lateral Flow Device Testing Programme

Testing Process Overview



Yours faithfully

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