

Home testing FAQ's

What is rapid testing?

Asymptomatic testing is done via simple and quick tests, known as Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests. They enable us to rapidly test without the need for a laboratory. No test is 100% accurate, but the LFD, when done as part of a testing regime is very good at picking up those with high viral loads (i.e. those that are the most contagious).

Please see the step-by-step videos which can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvaBZskxS7tzQYIVg7lwH5uxAD9UrSzGJ>

Participation and Data Protection

All participation in testing is voluntary. Once you have understood the testing process and have read the privacy notice, if you choose for your child/ren to participate, you are committing to supervise them in self-administering the test and reporting their results via the NHS Test & Trace digital platform and to Woodhouse Academy.

Before your child/ren take the test, you must do three things:

1. Read the privacy notice which can be found by clicking [here](#) to understand what will happen with your data.
2. Ensure your child/ren has brought their test kit home.
3. Make sure you have a copy of the new Instructions for Use v1.3.2 and ensure it is the correct version (a copy will also be available on our website). This will be issued when the test kits are issued. *Please note the old instructions are inside the box of test kits. The most up-to-date instructions come in a separate bundle see image below.*



People who decline to participate in this testing programme should follow the usual national guidelines on self-isolation and get tested if they show symptoms.

How do I report my test result online?

You are required to report your child/ren's test results of your tests online, or by phone, every time you take a test, even if the result was negative or void please go to <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

What results do I need to report to school?

You need to report every test result (positive, negative or void) to the school please do this by scanning the QR code below or clicking [here](#) for the form. **If you test positive, please notify the school as soon as possible via covid@woodhouseacademy.staffs.sch.uk**



How will the tests be distributed?

Your child/ren will receive pack/s containing 3 or 7 tests so that they can test twice a week for 3 weeks. We will then re-issue kits every 3 weeks. A text will be sent to parents and carers on the day the tests are sent so you know when to expect your child/ren to bring them home.

When should I test?

It is recommended that tests should be carried out in the morning before your child/ren attends school (so there is less chance they get infected between taking the test and attending the setting). However, you may choose to do the testing the evening before, especially the first time, to give you more time to get accustomed to the process, and to have more time for your education setting to react to a positive test result.

We would like all pupils to test on a Sunday evening/Monday morning and Wednesday evening/Thursday morning.

If you receive a positive LFD result, you should book a confirmatory PCR test. We would advise visiting a community or drive through test site as this is the quickest way to be tested. To book a test please go to <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or call 119.

Can I use the LFD to test other family members?

The tests must only be used by the pupil who they have been issued for. If you require tests for other family members please go to <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

How do I report an incident?

Individuals

Clinical issue
If there is a clinical incident which led or has potential for harm, participants are advised to report it on <https://coronavirusyellowcard.mhra.gov.uk>.
This is not for seeking immediate medical care. Medical care should be sought through the usual route of contacting 111 or 999.

Non-clinical issue
For incidents occurring at home, participants are advised to report any issues (something damaged, or missing or difficult to use in the kit, unable to log result etc.) to 119 in England, Wales, Northern Ireland and 0300 303 2713 for Scotland

Inform the Education Setting
Participants should inform their education setting about ongoing test-related problems, so that they can check if this is a wider issue across other users.

Who is the covid co-ordinator at Woodhouse Academy?

Covid coordinator - Anna Clack, Business Manager