

Oakbank School



12th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Next week students will receive their third and final lateral flow test here at school:

Year 7 – Wednesday 17th March 2021

Year 8 – Thursday 18th March 2021

Year 9 – Tuesday 16th March 2021

Year 10 – Tuesday 16th March 2021

Year 11 – Monday 15th March 2021

Following this test they will be given the first set of home testing kits (2 boxes of 3 tests) to enable you to complete the tests each week at home.

Testing must take place every Sunday and Wednesday evening starting on 21st March 2021.

You will also need to report your results to us by 8pm EVERY SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY EVENING using the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=pGcNtDFve0GB0B6WvxpVXIZH2hzgPc5LvHn-ASfAQ0NURDJVNEtYR1RFNFE5WFpVRkEwSDdWNORLNS4u>

This testing programme will continue until further notice and additional kits will be distributed before the Easter Holiday and thereafter.

Please note: Students are not required to take a LFT if you have had a positive case of Covid 19 in the last 90 days.

If your child has not been tested in school and you would like to start the Home Testing process, please email enquiries@oakbank.anthemtrust.uk to arrange for the kits to be sent home with your child.

Taking the test

Students will also be given a leaflet with instructions on how to do the test with the kit.

Please do not use the instructions within the testing box.

There is also a useful video to show you how to take the test: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fQMa7LH-38E>

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 Oakbank.

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 Oakbank.

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](#).

Why take part

Taking part in testing is voluntary and all students will be able to attend Oakbank whether they take part in testing or not.

I am strongly encouraging all students to take part. Testing at home will allow your child and other students to attend Oakbank as safely as possible.

Thank you for your support.



Robin Bertrand

Privacy Notice:

Under UK law, your child's school or college can collect and store test result data because it is in the 'public interest'. This means that your child's data helps us to stop the spread of the virus, and to keep your children in school. For example, we will tell your child to self-isolate if they get a positive test result.

Schools and colleges will only share information with the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) if the test kits used are found to be faulty. If this happens, DHSC will use our information to contact people who used the faulty tests, so that they can be tested again. This will ensure that testing is accurate and helps keep us all safe.

When you report test results online, you are sharing information with DHSC. They may share the information with your GP, local government, NHS, and Public Health England. This is so that they can offer your family health services and guidance if your child needs to self-isolate. They might also use your child's data anonymously (without their name or contact information) to research COVID-19, and improve our understanding of the virus.