

Information on Testing of Key Worker Students only

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[To access the online consent form for Key Worker lateral flow testing, please click HERE](#)

Currently we are only testing **new** students who are joining Key Worker provision for the first time (students that have not been in during the January Lockdown up to this point). We have established a testing centre in our school Activity Studio and students will be accompanied to the tests centre on the morning of their first day in school as soon as they arrive. In the testing centre our trained and ready staff will register the students, check them against the schedule (*and in doing so check that you have given consent if they are under 16*) and then hand over the swabbing kit. The test participants will then go to a bay where they will be told how to administer the swab to their own throat and nose. They will then take their swab (in a disposable container) to a processor who will then process the test. Whilst the tests are being processed (which can take up to 30 minutes) the test participants will wait in a separate room (they may bring a book to read). Staff will share results when they are ready. Those with a negative result will return to their study spaces and carry on with their studies, and we will call the parents/carers of students with a positive result to arrange for collection and a PCR test.

There is obviously a lot more to the process than I have outlined above but hopefully this is the detail families need to feel re-assured about the process from their child's point of view. Obviously, our staff have to undertake training and we have to complete a full risk assessment and carry out on-going quality assurance. We have taken delivery of lots of equipment including PPE and will follow strict guidelines throughout including the arrangements for cleaning the space and for disposing of the waste. The NHS app is also used to record test results and share information and we will share further details about that with test participants too.

Consent

No-one can take a lateral flow test in our school testing centre unless they have provided consent through the completion of a consent form. This consent will be collected digitally through an online form. The link to access the consent form is at the top of this letter.

Consent relates to the following groups of students/pupils and staff as follows:

- ***For pupils and students younger than 16 years*** - this form must be completed by the parent or legal guardian. Please complete one consent form for each child you wish to participate in testing.
- ***Pupils and students over 16 who are able to provide informed consent*** - can complete this form themselves, having discussed participation with their parent / guardian if under 18.
- ***For any pupil or student who does not have the capacity to provide informed consent*** - this form must be completed by the parent or legal guardian. Please complete one consent form for each child you wish to participate in testing.

The information shared in the consent form will be kept securely for a minimum of 14 days, and will be destroyed within 1 month of the testing programme ending. There are two documents on the High Storrs website relating to how consent data will be stored, used and deleted – a High Storrs

Data Protection Frequently Asked Questions document and the High Storrs School Privacy Statement. To view these documents, please click [HERE](#). Both documents are accessible in the Covid-19 Testing at High Storrs section of the High Storrs Website.

Please note that we have been advised that anyone who has received a positive PCR test for Covid 19 should not be tested using LFT for up to 90 days after that positive test. We think we have a record of all members of our school community who have received a positive test for Covid 19 since September and we will not be adding them to our testing schedule unless 90 days has passed since that test. You can still give consent for your child to be tested at this time. To ensure our records are correct, there is a question in the consent form asking if your child has had a positive Covid 19 test result, and the date they received that result. If your child has tested positive on a PCR test and you did not inform the school (e.g. it was during the holidays) please do let us know by contacting the school office.

Please return the consent forms well in advance of your child's allocated first day.