



Whitley Academy

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Headteacher: Mrs Kathryn Wright

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Dear Parent / Carer

Following the Government's announcement on Friday regarding COVID-19 updates for schools I am writing to inform you that we will be offering all students two on-site lateral flow tests, 3 to 5 days apart, before they return to school in the autumn term.

For your own peace of mind, you may wish for your child and family to continue to carry out lateral flow tests twice a week over the summer break. Your child can collect a pack from reception prior to the end of term and additional tests can be ordered from <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Furthermore, thousands of pharmacies across England have signed up to offer pharmacy collect. This enables you to go to a participating pharmacy and pick up a free box of tests to use at home. Click [here](#) to find out which pharmacies near you are offering this service.

We are aware that many parents and carers gave consent for their child to have lateral flow tests on site in March and we are happy to assume that these parents and carers continue to give their consent for lateral flow testing in school.

In order to create a schedule for testing I need to know the number of students wishing to attend school for two lateral flow tests prior to starting the autumn term. Therefore, could **all** parents and carers please complete the very short form **by 9am on Wednesday 14th July** by clicking on the link below.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdLeUNuLrq-OVWMCi90rMhrL3iFzrGc1kyJP2yyslM6X0DLVA/viewform?usp=sf_link

The tests will start on Friday 3rd September and will be phased across year groups dependent on uptake. Parents and carers who wish their child to be tested in school but have not yet given consent will then be sent a consent form to complete. Upon receipt of the consent form I will schedule the testing and you will be informed of your child's test times at the end of August / beginning of September.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K. Wright
Headteacher

