

Secondary school Autumn testing arrangements

Dear parent/carer,

Thank you for your continued engagement in the Covid-19 testing programme.

If your child is transitioning to new educational settings, they should start testing on arrival at their new setting in the autumn.

Subject to public health advice, we expect testing to restart on return in the autumn. We expect to offer your child **two** tests on-site before continuing regular testing at home. Individual Academies will provide you with more information on how this will work via their own websites and messaging systems

Please provide consent for testing before 31st August 2021, you only need to do this if you wish your child to receive a test. You can give your consent online by following this link <https://forms.office.com/r/tikP3Sd33j> or visiting the school website.

This is the most effective way to reduce the risk of transmission and support the continuation of face-to-face education. We recognise, however, the need to minimise any disruption to education and to continue to support your child's mental wellbeing. The government will continue to review the future need for testing in light of any changes to the public health situation.

You must report your child's test results, even if their result is negative or void. You should also keep a note of and share your child's results with their school/college. More information on this will be provided by your academy when testing begins.

Reporting results is easy. Go to [report a COVID-19 lateral flow test result](#) or call 119 free from a mobile or landline. Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm. Support is offered in 200 languages as well as British Sign Language.

Testing twice weekly is helping us stay ahead of the virus by spotting new outbreaks quickly and plan our response. The preparations that schools and colleges are advised to take are subject to further public health advice and the latest position on prevalence of the COVID-19 virus.

Privacy Notices. Please visit the trust website to find out more information about how the testing data is handled: [Policies - Brigantia Trust](#).

Yours faithfully,

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Chief Executive Officer