

# Alderbrook School

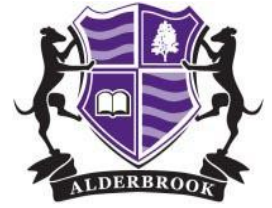
Blossomfield Road  
Solihull  
West Midlands  
B91 1SN

Tel: 0121 704 2146

Email: [office@alderbrook.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:office@alderbrook.solihull.sch.uk)

Web: [www.alderbrookschool.co.uk](http://www.alderbrookschool.co.uk)

Company registered England & Wales no. 07687619



24 February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to provide you with some further information following the announcement from the Prime Minister on Monday. We are delighted that students will be coming back into school from 8 March, and we are also aware that many of our students have found the last two months extremely difficult. Students will return to school from 8 March on a staggered basis over the course of the week. We will proceed with great care, and I will write to you again with further details of the arrangements in the coming days.

We are also expecting an announcement on the outcome of the awarding of qualifications for summer 2021 by the end of the week, and I will write to you as soon as we have details about what this means for students.

This letter contains details regarding the testing programme that we will be undertaking in school from Monday 8 March.

You may have heard that testing in schools for those without coronavirus symptoms has been happening across the country using new, quicker COVID-19 tests known as 'lateral flow devices'. We have been testing students accessing our vulnerable and critical worker provision, and staff working on site, using these tests since the start of January.

By testing we will help to reduce the spread in school and college settings through asymptomatic transmission. I am therefore strongly encouraging all students in school to be tested.

## Plan for testing students

In response to the latest guidance, we will now plan to test students from Monday 8th March. Students will return to school after their first negative test result and then will receive two further tests (each 3 – 5 days apart) at school. Following these tests, students will continue with twice weekly testing using home test kits.

## How the tests work

Those taking the test will be supervised by trained staff. The lateral flow tests are quick and easy to undertake, using a swab of the nose and throat. Results take around half an hour to come back.

Tests are free of charge and a leaflet with further information can be found [here](#).



**Alderbrook School**  
& Sixth Form

AMBITION | BRAVERY | KINDNESS

## How do I give consent?

We are obtaining information about consent via our online School Screener service. Below is a step-by-step access guide.

### Step 1: School Screener Registration

- **For all year groups**, click on this [link](#), select 'Register now' and enter the details required.
- You will be emailed a link to confirm your email address. If you do not receive this email to your inbox, please also check your junk folder
- Follow this link and set a password
- Your account is now set up
- **Please log out**

### Step 2: Please LOG BACK IN to Give Consent

- Click on this [link](#)
- Enter your email address and password and click login
- You will now see a box titled 'Covid Testing'
- Select 'Fill in the questionnaire' form
- Make sure the correct school is selected in the 'Create a Submission' box, and then click Next
- Enter all of the required information about the person who will be tested (you are only required to enter answers for the starred boxes). Once this is complete, click Save and Continue
- You will then be provided with information about the Covid Testing.
- Once you have read this, please record your consent at the bottom of the page. Then add your name and click **Submit** (on the right hand side of the screen)

### Step 3: Registering Another Child

If you have another child at the school, repeat steps detailed above

## What if my child tests positive?

If your child tests positive on a lateral flow device, you will be notified via the automated text message/email (sent to the details you provide when registering). We will also make contact with you via telephone. Individuals with a positive LFD test result will have to isolate and will be provided with a PCR test to perform at home.

During the time while waiting for the PCR result (via text/email) they will need to self-isolate.

If the PCR test returns a positive result they will have to continue to self-isolate and follow the guidance from NHS Test and Trace.

## What happens if the test is negative?

While a small number of students may need to repeat the test if the first test was invalid or void for some reason, students who test negative will be able to stay in school and resume their activities as normal. Results will be shared via the automated text message/ email (sent to the details you provide when registering).

## What if my child develops symptoms?



This testing programme at school is for people with no symptoms. If your child develops symptoms at any time (including a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste) they must immediately self-isolate, and book a test by calling 119 or visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

### **What if I do not give consent**

Testing remains voluntary but we are strongly recommending that all students participate in the programme in order to reduce the risk for all. If you do not give consent, you will need to follow the steps above and indicate this using the school screener service. Students who are not tested will return to school at the same time as their year group.

We will support our students throughout this process, but please do contact us if you have any questions via [office@alderbrook.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:office@alderbrook.solihull.sch.uk)

Thank you for your support and understanding

Yours faithfully,



**T Beveridge**  
Headteacher

