



Strathaven Academy

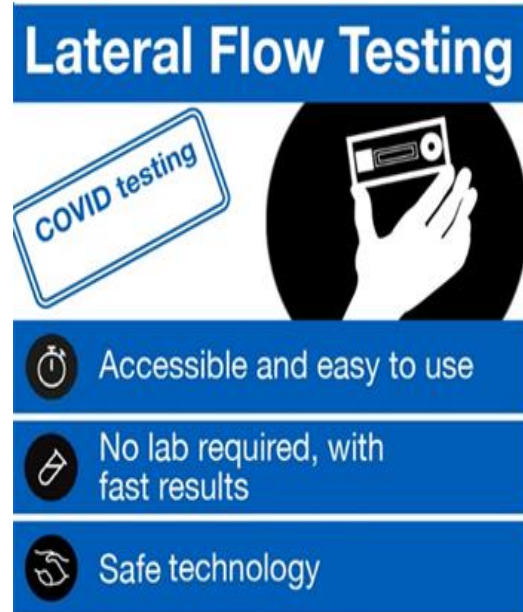
Rapid Testing of S4-6 pupils

February 2021



What is rapid testing?

- Rapid testing is a simple and quick test that uses Lateral Flow Devices (LFD) to determine if someone is infected with the Covid-19 virus
- It is a self-test kit that pupils and staff use in their home, without the need for a laboratory
- Strathaven Academy will provide these test kits for pupils and staff



Why are we testing people without symptoms of COVID-19?

Testing is important because staff or senior phase pupils (S4 - S6) could have coronavirus (COVID-19) without displaying symptoms and may spread it to others.



Is it compulsory to participate?



All participation in testing is voluntary. However, the success in this public health measure depends on as many people participating as possible. Staff and pupils will not be prevented from going into school if they do not take part.

When will testing begin?

At the moment, only
S4-S6 pupils who are
invited into school to
complete practical
work from 22nd
February onwards will
be involved.



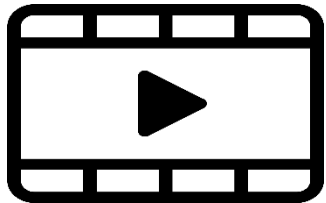
How often do I need to take a test?



Pupils choosing to take part will test themselves at home on a regular basis (twice per week, 3 to 4 days apart). This should be done on a **Monday** and **Thursday** before school (or last thing on a Sunday and Wednesday night).

How to carry out your test?

The link below is to a NHS video that shows you how to do a lateral test. You will also be provided with an information leaflet when you collect your kit.



<https://youtu.be/S9XR8RZxKNo?list=PLvaBZskxS7tzQYIVg7lwH5uxAD9UrSzGJ>

Important!

- After you take your test, **you must record your result** (positive or negative) online via

www.gov.uk/report-covid19result



Very important!

- If you receive a positive result you must not attend school
- Your parent/carer should phone the school office to inform them
- The person with the positive result should book an additional test (PCR) through NHS Inform <https://www.nhsinform.scot>



What will you receive?


- Each test kit contains 3 separate tests.
- Pupils will be given 2 kits which means there is enough for 3 weeks (unless you receive a false reading and need to re-do a test)



Collecting your test kit

Kits will be issued in school on the following dates:


**You must only collect a test kit if you receive an email or your parents/carers receive a text message.*

- **S5 + S6 – Thursday 18th February** between 10.00am and 2.30pm
 - **S4 - Friday 19th February** between 10.00am and 2.30pm
 - If these times do not suit, you can collect your kit the first time you are in school.
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Consent forms

- Pupils who are over 16 can sign the form themselves when they collect their kit
- Pupils who are under 16 must get this signed by a parent/carer.

** Please note that a blank consent form will be posted to **pupils who are under 16** who are due to come into school from 22nd February onwards to complete practical work. Kits cannot be issued without a signed form.*





If you have any questions, please contact office@Strathaven.s-lanark.sch.uk

