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A PRIORY ACADEMY

Monday 13th September 2021

RE: Home Testing for Students

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to extend our gratitude to all students, parents and staff who made the LFD COVID testing on return to this academic year such a success. We have completed the advised 2 'on-site' tests for students and will now begin to issue students with test kits to allow twice-weekly testing to take place at home. For students and parents who have previously received home testing kits from Pembroke, this process will seem familiar. For our Year 7 students this may be a new routine. However, twice-weekly testing is advised to ensure we control the virus as best we can, especially into the autumn and winter.

The home testing kits we have been issued differ from those issued in the past. The tests that will be sent home with students ask for a **nasal swab only** (you do not need to swab the tonsils) and **results are given within 15 minutes**, not 30 minutes as with the previous tests.

How do you report the result and who to?

As the guidance in the testing packs says, please report all results to the NHS through www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result.

You should also report your result to the Priory Trust via the form in [THIS LINK](#).

IMPORTANT: If any test returns a positive result you must immediately inform Pembroke by emailing pembroke@prioryacademies.co.uk with the subject being "Positive COVID Test", detailing the name of the student and their form class.

All students should test twice a week. We are advising that students routinely test on a Sunday evening and a Wednesday evening.

Home test kits will be issued to all students today. There is no need for any consent form to be completed for the home tests. By taking the test, consent is implied. If for any reason you do not wish your child to be involved in the home testing programme or would like to arrange an alternative way of collecting the home test kits, please contact the Academy.

Students will be given a box which contains three or seven tests as well as an instruction leaflet. Your child should bring these home to you and share the information with you. It is important you are aware of some key information which is detailed below, as well as to read carefully and understand the instructions provided within the kits. If you do have any questions or concerns, please follow the guidance included with the LFD testing kits or contact the Academy. If it is a medical emergency that requires an immediate response, you should seek support by calling the appropriate medical service / response i.e. 111 or 999.

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FAQs

When should the tests be taken?

Children will need to carry out twice-weekly testing at home. We recommend tests are taken routinely on a Sunday and Wednesday evening.

Who are the tests for?

Tests are only for the use of the person assigned the kits; they should not be taken or used by anyone else.

Can children and young people swab themselves?

Secondary pupils aged 11 should have the test administered by an adult. Pupils aged 12-17 should be supervised by an adult but can swab themselves.

Is there more help or guidance on what to do?

Please refer to the instruction leaflet in the home test pack or contact the academy via pembroke@prioryacademies.co.uk.

What happens if we get a void result?

Take another LFD test. If you receive two void results in a row, you should book a PCR test.

What happens if we get a positive result?

The latest guidance from the NHS is:

"If you tested positive, you must self-isolate straight away to avoid spreading the infection to other people. [Check if people you live with need to self-isolate.](#)"

The self-isolation period includes the day your symptoms started (or the day you had the test, if you do not have symptoms) and the next 10 full days."

What happens if we get a negative result?

You can continue to attend school but must follow all current guidance and continue to follow social distancing and good hygiene procedures.

When will we receive the next set of tests?

These will be issued to children once the first box of tests have been used and within the timeframe of testing.

Should my child take part if they have tested positive for Covid-19 in the past 90 days?

If your child has tested positive (through a PCR test) in the past 90 days, they do not have to take part in the testing process, but they may do so if they wish. However, if they do take part and they receive a positive test result from an LFD test, they will have to isolate in line with the guidance and arrange a PCR test.

Can other people in our household use LFD testing?

The LFD home test kits provided from school should only be used by the children to whom they are issued and by whom they are intended to be used. Other LFD test kits can be ordered from the NHS / gov.uk website.

Participation and Data Protection

All participation in testing is voluntary. Once you have understood the testing process and have read the privacy notice, if you choose to participate you are committing to self-administer the test and report your results via the NHS Test & Trace digital platform and to your education setting.

Before taking your test, you must do two things at home:

1. Read the privacy notice [here](#) to understand what will happen with your data. All privacy notices can also be found on the Priory Federation website.
2. Make sure you have a copy of and have read and understood the instruction booklet in the testing kit.

Incident Reporting

If there are any issues with tests that could potentially impact the quality or safety of testing, speak to the Academy for support.

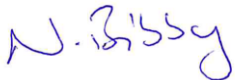
Other important points to remember:

Having a negative LFD test does not mean that we can relax our approach to social distancing and good hand and respiratory hygiene. All of these measures remain extremely important and must continue to be followed.

This asymptomatic testing programme does not replace current guidance for those with symptoms or those identified as a close contact of a positive case. Anyone with symptoms, whether they are involved in this programme or not, should book a free NHS PCR test and follow government self-isolation guidance until the results of their test are known.

As ever, if you have any questions or queries do not hesitate to get in touch via pembroke@prioryacademies.co.uk or on 01522 751 040.

Kind regards and take care,



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