



PEMBROKE
A PRIORY ACADEMY

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RE: Home Testing for Students

Dear Parent/Carer,

The asymptomatic testing of students on return to school has been a great success. Students have shown courage during the testing and they should be praised for their adaptability to the process. We are now in a position to issue all students who have completed 3 tests in our testing centre with home test kits.

The home testing kits are easy to use. They contain the same Lateral Flow Device (LFD) and use the same swabbing technique as the students have completed in our testing centre. The LFD will provide a result (negative, void or positive) in 30 minutes. All instructions on using the test are contained within the pack, and an instructional video is available from the NHS via this YouTube link: [How to do a COVID-19 Self Test \(rapid antigen test\) - YouTube](#)

In order to minimise the spread of the virus, and keep everyone in the community as safe as possible, all tests issued by Pembroke must be reported twice: once to the NHS and once to The Priory Trust.

Reporting Results to the NHS:

Details of how to report results to the NHS can be found in the home test pack and through this link: [Report a COVID-19 test result - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#). The Test and Trace reporting website asks for a number of details. Reporting results is quicker and easier after setting up an NHS account, as this automatically enters some of the details required.

Reporting Results to the Priory Trust and Pembroke:

All results need to be reported to the Trust using this online form: [The Priory Pembroke Academy Student - Home Lateral Flow Test - Reporting Results \(office.com\)](#) You must enter the barcode number from the LFD into this form. Please ensure you do not dispose of the LFD before reporting the result to the Trust.

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.

Home test kits will be issued to the students on Friday 19th March. All students should test twice a week. We are advising that students routinely test on a Sunday evening and a Wednesday evening. 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 version 1.3.2. 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

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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.

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 use the YouTube link [How to do a COVID-19 Self Test \(rapid antigen test\) - YouTube](#) for more advice and guidance.

How do we report the result and who to?

You will need to report your results, even if negative or void, to NHS Test and Trace using the following link: [Report a COVID-19 test result - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#); or by phone (number in test kit instructions).

It is important that you report your result to the Academy as well. The easiest way to do this is by completing this Microsoft Forms link [The Priory Pembroke Academy Student - Home Lateral Flow Test - Reporting Results \(office.com\)](#). If you are unable to access this, please 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. Get a free NHS test to check if you have coronavirus - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

What happens if we get a positive result?

Begin isolation alongside the household and arrange a PCR test. [Get a free NHS test to check if you have coronavirus - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) Follow all government guidance regarding isolation and gain further medical advice if required. Inform the Academy as soon as possible so close contact tracing can be undertaken.

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. If your child is identified as a close contact, they will be asked to isolate, irrespective of whether they have previously tested positive or not.

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. If wider households wish to take part in LFD testing, further details can be found at: All households with children of school age to get 2 rapid COVID-19 tests per person per week - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

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 new Instructions for Use v1.3.2, ensuring it is the correct version

Incident Reporting

If there are any issues with tests that could potentially impact the quality or safety of testing, raise a 'yellow card' as detailed below. You can also speak to the Academy for support.

Other important points to remember:

Clinical issue - If there is a clinical incident which led to or has potential for harm, participants are advised to report it on <https://coronavirussyellowcard.mhra.gov.uk>.

This is not for seeking immediate medical care. Medical care should be sought through the usual route of contacting 111 or 999.

Non-clinical issue - For incidents occurring at home, participants are advised to report any issues (something damaged, or missing or difficult to use in the kit, unable to log result etc) to 119.

Examples of clinical issues are a swab breaking in the mouth; bleeding; allergic reaction on using the kit, etc. An example of a non-clinical issue would be missing items from a test kit.

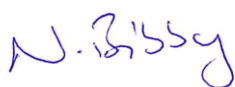
Inform the Education Setting - Participants should inform their education setting about ongoing test-related problems, so that the school can check if this is a wider issue across other users.

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 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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