



Nunthorpe
Academy

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Dear Parent / Carer

Thank you for your participation in asymptomatic lateral flow device (LFD) testing.

Up to 30-50% of people who have Covid-19 virus may have no or very mild symptoms, but they could still spread the disease to others. Regular twice weekly testing and reporting, along with other preventive measures, helps limit the transmission of Covid-19. This helps keep our schools and academies open and our communities safe.

Quality Assurance is an important part of the testing programme. It helps the NHS Test & Trace ensure that test kits are effective and that tests are being conducted correctly. One of the ways the quality assurance is undertaken is by doing a 'dual test'. This means that, along with one LFD test, participants are asked to do one PCR test. Comparison of the results helps NHS Test & Trace to ensure the quality of LFD testing.

Our academy has been invited to participate in this dual testing exercise and I am writing to you to let you know what this involves.

What does Dual Testing involve?

Students who are doing twice weekly rapid tests at home can also be provided with **a weekly PCR kit by the academy.**

Students who have tested positive in the last 90 days are unable to participate in Quality Assurance PCR testing.

Students will be asked to take one additional PCR test swab when they do their next rapid (LFD) test, and then complete a quick and simple online form.

Further details are included in the Participant Information Sheet attached.

Should you have any further questions, please contact Emma Findlay, Academy Day Manager at the academy on 01642 310561 or via email on efindlay@nunthorpe.co.uk.

Participation is voluntary but we encourage you to participate where possible.

If you are happy for your child to participate in this exercise, please ask your child to collect a PCR test from Mrs Findlay at break or lunchtime.

Kind Regards

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Dual Testing Step by Step Guide (Addendum)

This Addendum explains the steps to completing dual testing and returning PCR swabs

Quick guide to dual testing

Complete your rapid test (LFD)

1. Complete LFD test and wait 30 mins for your result
2. Register your LFD result (Positive or Negative) as you do currently
3. Keep a note of the LFD test result and barcode
(You will need the LFD device/barcode later)



Lateral Flow Testing



- Accessible and easy to use
- No lab required, with fast results
- Safe technology

Perform your PCR test

4. Open PCR kit and follow instructions to complete PCR test
5. After completing the PCR test - keep a note of the PCR barcode (found on the vial or bio-hazard bag) and carefully package the swab into the Royal Mail flat pack box that was included as part of the PCR kit



Link the LFD and PCR test barcodes into the QA web portal

6. Open the **QA Web portal** via the QR code or web link below



<http://bit.ly/LFTCollectSchools>



7. Follow the QA web portal instructions and answer the questions on each page to link up the LFD and PCR barcodes

If you tested Positive for your LFD result



8. Register your PCR Kit barcode into the .Gov web page below

<https://test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/register-home-test>

Seal up the Royal Mail box with the PCR swab inside and post the box back via a Royal Mail Priority Mail box



Your nearest priority mail box can be found via <https://www.royalmail.com/services-near-you/>

Please self-isolate if you have a positive LFD test, pending the result of your confirmatory PCR swab

If you tested Negative for your LFD result



8. Seal up the pre-paid PCR kit box with the PCR swab inside as per instructions and post the sealed PCR kit box back via Royal Mail Priority Mail box

Your nearest priority mail box can be found via <https://www.royalmail.com/services-near-you/>

Dispose of your LFD device

