

## Terms of Consent for COVID-19 lateral flow testing in secondary schools

### Introduction

The terms of consent and accompanying on-line consent form are for participation in tests designed to detect asymptomatic coronavirus cases. Anyone experiencing symptoms should follow [government guidelines to self-isolate](#), even if they have had a recent negative lateral flow test.

Consent relates to the following groups of students/pupils and staff as follows:

- **For pupils and students younger than 16 years** – the on-line form must be completed by the parent or legal guardian. Please complete one consent form for each child you wish to participate in testing. You are answering the questions on behalf of your child.
- **Pupils and students over 16 who are able to provide informed consent** – can complete the on-line form themselves, having discussed participation with their parent / guardian if under 18.
- **For any pupil or student who does not have the capacity to provide informed consent** – the on-line form must be completed by the parent or legal guardian. Please complete one consent form for each child you wish to participate in testing.
- **Staff** will complete the on-line form themselves.

### Terms of consent

1. I have had the opportunity to consider the information provided by the school about the testing, ask questions and have had these answered satisfactorily, based on the information presented in the letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and the accompanying [Privacy Notice](#).
2. In the case of under 16s, I have discussed the testing with my child and my child is happy to participate. If on the day of testing they do not wish to take part, then they will not be made to do so and consent can be withdrawn at any time ahead of the test.
3. I consent to having / my child having a nose and throat swab for lateral flow tests. I / my child will self-swab if I / my child is able to, otherwise I understand that assistance is available. In the case of students under the age of 16 or students who are not able to provide informed consent, I have discussed the testing with my child and they are happy to participate and self-swab (with assistance if required).
4. I understand that there may be multiple tests required and this consent covers all tests for the person named on the on-line consent. If, on the day of testing I / they do not wish to take part, then I understand I / they will not be made to do so and that consent can be withdrawn at any time ahead of the test.
5. I consent that my / my child's sample(s) will be tested for the presence of COVID-19.
6. I understand that if my / my child's result(s) are negative on the lateral flow test I will not be contacted by the school/college except where I am / they are a close contact of a confirmed positive.

7. I understand Public Health England has stated that from Monday 25 January 2021, when an individual tests positive for Covid using a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) at an assisted test site (Sheldon School is an assisted test site), this LFD test result will trigger the legal duty to self-isolate. I understand this means that from 25 January 2021 if I / my child test positive using a LFD, I / my child will need to self-isolate immediately following [government guidelines](#) to but will **not** need to book a PCR test. Contact tracing will be triggered at school following school protocols. Contact tracing will also be carried out following the legally required reporting of the LFD test result to NHS test and trace by the school.

8. If the lateral flow test indicates the presence of COVID-19, I commit to ensuring that I / my child is removed from school premises as promptly as possible, bearing in mind I / they may have some anxiety following a positive test result. School staff will contact you as soon as possible after confirmation of the positive result by our test operatives.

9. The daily testing of close contacts of an individual with a positive LFD test has been paused temporarily by government as of 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021. While daily testing remains paused, I understand that if a close contact of me / my child tests positive but I / my child has tested negative, I / my child will be required to self-isolate following public health advice and I / they will not continue to attend school / college until the isolation period is over. If during this time, I / my child develop symptoms, I / my child will follow [government guidelines to self-isolate](#) and book a PCR test <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. I understand that I must let the school know the if the result of the PCR is positive.