

Update on twice weekly COVID-19 testing at home for students

Dear parent/carer,

Students who have been attending campus on-site will have had the opportunity to get tested on campus, and this will continue up to the Easter holidays. Students who have been tested and feel confident to do a test at home, will be provided with twice weekly, rapid COVID-19 home test kits.

Test kits will be handed out to all students that wish to participate, please encourage your child to take part. Up to 1 in 3 people who have COVID-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading it without knowing. Getting into a regular habit of testing twice a week will help stop the virus spreading, keeping your family and friends safer.

We will be sending home COVID-19 testing kits with your child from w/c March 15. Please make sure your child tests themselves **twice a week 3-5 days apart, in the morning before college if possible and, if not, the evening before.**

Your child should also **continue testing twice a week, at home, throughout the Easter holidays.** We will be sending home extra kits for Easter holiday before term ends.

This does not replace testing for those with symptoms. If you have symptoms you must self-isolate immediately, and book a PCR test at www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test, and follow national guidelines.

Reporting results

It is really important that results of test are reported online straight away, even if your child's result is negative or void. It's easy to do at www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result.

Results can also be reported via telephone by calling 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm.

It is important to keep a note of your child's results and share **positive or void results** (negative results do not need to be reported) with the College's Covid Team, by emailing cv19@lcb.ac.uk or calling 0113 222 6073.

Testing for parents, households and bubbles twice a week

A reminder that regular rapid testing is now also available for parents, their households and support or childcare bubbles. The government is encouraging all families to participate in twice weekly testing to help stop the spread.

Parents and other adults in the household can access tests by:

- Ordering tests online www.gov.uk/order-school-household-tests
- Getting an assisted test at work, if it is available
- Attending a test site to get tested (where you will be able to see how to take the test) or pick up tests to do at home.

To find out more on school & college household testing visit [Households and bubbles of pupils, students and staff of schools and colleges: get rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/households-and-bubbles-of-pupils-students-and-staff-of-schools-and-colleges-get-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)

We continue to encourage everyone to take part in regular Covid-19 testing.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Derek Whitehead', written in a cursive style.

Derek Whitehead
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