



# Queen Katharine Academy

Ref: JH/ch/SEN/Covidtesting/WhlSch

02 September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

We are very much looking forward to welcoming the students back to school next week.

Following on from Mrs Mayes' letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> September, I am writing to you concerning the COVID-19 testing that you may have heard or read about in the media.

When students return to school, the government has advised that we should do two lateral flow tests with them. These tests need to be undertaken between 3 and 5 days apart. However, there is no need to stagger students' return for testing purposes; the priority is to ensure we deliver high quality face-to-face education.

For their first test, students will use a test that involves a nasal swab only. They will administer their tests, under supervision, and with plenty of guidance and support.

For their second test, they will use the same type of test that they will subsequently use at home: this involves both a throat and nasal swab. We will again support and guide them in the process so that they are confident when they are at home, if they aren't already.

For both types of test, results are visible in under 30 minutes. **Please note that you will only be contacted in the event of a positive result.**

We are then asking both staff and students to continue to test at home every **Wednesday and Sunday**.

Although we are continuing to test, there have been some changes regarding the procedures surrounding COVID-19, self-isolation and attendance. Please read the following carefully and do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions:

- Students should only self-isolate **if they have symptoms** or **if they get a positive PCR or Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test**.
- If students develop symptoms or get a positive LFD test, **they should book a PCR test**. A positive PCR test cannot be overridden.
- If a pupil is asked to get a PCR test as a result of contact with a positive case, they **may continue to attend education until they get the result** of their PCR back

**We will only test your child for COVID-19 if we have your consent.** If you are happy for your child to participate in the testing, please complete the consent form following this link:

**If you have already consented, you do not need to do this again.**

[Consent for COVID testing](#)

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=nowK81Jo8E2Ms5kmm08dZpVPpb-CAklOmI9G20iXwldUMEIzOVJPNVQ4TDIGOFQxWUUwNEZFOUFYSi4u>



Please use the link, though a paper copy is below.

Participation is voluntary, so if you do not wish your child to participate, then there is no action required.

If you have any questions, please contact Jo Hammond (Assistant Principal) by email: [jo.hammond@qka.education](mailto:jo.hammond@qka.education).

Finally, we look forward to welcoming you shortly.

Yours faithfully

*Jo Hammond*

Jo Hammond  
Assistant Principal