

Who is being tested and why?

Testing is important because staff, students and pupils without symptoms could be carrying the virus and may spread it to others. Testing staff and students will support schools and colleges to operate as safely as possible.

New, simple and quick tests, known as Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests, enable us to rapidly test pupils, students and staff, without the need for a laboratory. Secondary schools and colleges will be provided with these test kits to conduct the testing.

We will keep schools and communities safer by working together to:


- 1 Test as many secondary pupils and students on their return to school and FE colleges as possible. This means two LFDs tests three to five days apart.**
- 2 Carry out weekly testing of school and college staff**
- 3 Carry out daily contact testing for seven days of pupils and students and staff who are close contacts of a positive case**

Note: Any students or staff with symptoms should not attend school or college and should immediately self-isolate in line with [current public health guidance](#)

Lateral Flow Testing



 Accessible and easy to use

 No lab required, with fast results

 Safe technology

