

11th February 2021

Dear parents and carers,

New advice on confirming a Lateral Flow Test result

I hope you and your family are well. Thank you for your support of your child and our staff during the pandemic. I am writing today with a short update on our advice around the use of lateral flow testing.

The Government currently advises that if a student or staff member receives a positive result for Covid-19 after using a Lateral Flow Test at school they should self-isolate at home. They advise that there is no need to book a PCR test at a Government Covid-19 test site to offer confirmation on whether they have Covid-19.

Oasis Community Learning and all Oasis academies continue to take every possible step to ensure the safety of students, staff and parents. As such, we are now advising that should your child, or a staff member, receive a positive lateral flow test, that they should also request a PCR test. These tests have a higher degree of accuracy, and therefore we believe that having a PCR test will give greater confidence to both the individual involved, and all other students, staff and families. Please note that this is our advice and is not compulsory. Should your child receive a positive result for Covid-19 using a lateral flow test, they are required to self-isolate at home, but taking a PCR test is optional.

For your information, PCR tests can be requested by accessing the following website:

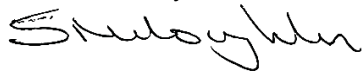
<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

Student Testing

In line with current DfE guidance, students will now only be tested on two occasions (if you have consented to this) when they are attending the Academy for the first time. If they have already been tested as part of our testing programme then they will not be tested again after half term.

Thank you for your attention on this matter, and your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sara McLoughlin'.

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