



Guru Nanak Multi Academy Trust Ltd

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Nanaksar Primary School &
Guru Nanak Sikh Academy
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Dear Parent

RE: Home Test Kits

Up to one in three people who have COVID-19 can spread the virus without knowing. This is because they have no symptoms. To reduce the spread of the virus, it is important that we identify those individuals. Following the completion of three lateral flow tests for each student this week, we can continue to reduce the spread of the virus by carrying out lateral flow device (LFD) tests at home twice every week, 3-4 days apart.

[The Government has recently announced that](#) all secondary school students will be offered LFD tests on their return to school. Once they have completed three LFD tests in school, home testing kits will be provided.

Testing Students At Home

We understand that each child has individual needs. Many children will adapt to testing becoming part of their routine, others will find it more challenging. Taking part in testing is voluntary and all children will still be able to attend GNSA whether they take part or not. We hope that the option to take the test in the morning or the evening will support families to test at home.

If you have consented to your child taking the three LFD tests in school, then your child will receive their home testing kit following the completion of their third and final LFD test in school this week. Tests are free of charge. If you have not consented to your child being tested and would now like to, please let the school know by submitting the Google link below:

[Lateral Flow Test Consent Form](#)

Taking the Test

Your child will receive one pack of three LFD tests in a box with a leaflet on how to take the test and report the results. Students will be provided with additional test kits in due course.

We would like students to take their tests on Saturday evening and Wednesday evening each week and record the results. Please use the kit provided to test your child on the evenings of Saturday 20th March, Wednesday 24th March and Saturday 27th March.

A leaflet giving instructions on how to do the test will be given with the test kit. There is also a useful video to show you how to take the test [here](#).

[Help and support is available](#), including instructions in different languages on how to test and report the results and a video showing you how to take the test.

There is no need to keep used test equipment. After the test result has been reported, you can put it in your normal bin (household waste).

This does not replace symptomatic testing. If you have symptoms you should self-isolate immediately, book a PCR test and follow national guidelines.

If you forget to take a LFD test, take the test as soon as you remember. Please help your child to ensure they have sufficient time to take their test so that they can travel to and attend school on time as usual.

YOU NEED TO REPORT EACH TEST RESULT

Positive Test Result

If your child receives a positive test result following the LFD test, they should self-isolate immediately in line with NHS Test and Trace guidance for 10 days.

You will need to report your positive result in the following ways:

Report using the NHS Test & Trace self-report website:

<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>.

Inform the school by completing the Google Form below:

[GNSA Student Lateral Flow Test Result Form](#)

You should [order a confirmatory PCR test](#) if you are testing at home (confirmatory PCR tests are not needed if the test was conducted at the Asymptomatic Test Site at school).

If your child receives a positive test result, anyone in your household, including any support bubbles you are part of, should self-isolate immediately in line with NHS Test and Trace guidance for 10 days.

Void Test Result

If the result of the test is **unclear (void)** you should do another test. If you receive a 'void' result twice, please inform the school via email (admin@gnsa.co.uk).

You should [order a confirmatory PCR test](#) for your child following a second 'void' result and they should remain at home until they receive the results. If the PCR test provides a positive result, see the above section for the action required. If the PCR test provides a negative result your child can return to school.

Negative and Void Results

You will need to report your negative and void result the following ways:

- Report using the NHS Test & Trace self-report website: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>.
- Complete the school Google form below:

[GNSA Student Lateral Flow Test Result](#)

A negative result does not guarantee that you are not carrying the virus. So, you should continue to follow social distancing and other measures to reduce transmission; such as wearing a face covering and regularly washing your hands.

If you or anyone in your household displays symptoms of the virus you should follow [national guidelines on self-isolation and testing](#).

Why Testing Is Important

Taking part in testing is voluntary and all children will be able to attend school whether they take part in testing or not.

I am strongly encouraging all children to take part. Testing at home will allow your child and other children to attend school and help to reduce the spread of the virus.

If you have any questions about home testing, please refer to the frequently asked questions at the end of this correspondence. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



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