



3 March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Further to the letter sent on Friday 26th February, please see the timings for the lateral flow testing opportunities.

For all year groups the first test will be completed before students return to face to face education. A reminder of the return dates for each year group can be seen in the table below:

Year group	School return date
7	Thursday 11 th March
8	Monday 15 th March
9	Monday 15 th March
10	Friday 12 th March
11	Wednesday 10 th March
12	Friday 12 th March
13	Wednesday 10 th March

Where students are coming into school to receive their test **before** their school return date (see table above for each year group), students do not need to wear school uniform and once they have received their test they will return home. Test results will be communicated to the phone number provided on the registration information submitted by sixth form students. This is completed through the NHS Track and Trace system (it is expected that this will be on the same day that the test is taken.)

Year 13 appointment times

Test 1 – Monday 8th March

Tutor group 1301	Tutor group 1302	Please arrive at the Leisure Centre between the times indicated below 2.00pm - 2.15pm
1303	1304	2.30pm - 2.45pm
1305	1306	3.00pm - 3.15pm
1307	1308	3.30pm - 3.40pm

Test 2 – Thursday 11th March

Tutor group 1301	Tutor group 1302	Please arrive at the Leisure Centre between the times indicated below 2.00pm - 2.15pm
1303	1304	2.30pm - 2.45pm
1305	1306	3.00pm - 3.15pm
1307	1308	3.30pm - 3.40pm

Test 3 – Tuesday 16th March

Tutor group 1301	Tutor group 1302	Please arrive at the Leisure Centre between the times indicated below 2.00pm - 2.15pm
1303	1304	2.30pm - 2.45pm
1305	1306	3.00pm - 3.15pm
1307	1308	3.30pm - 3.40pm

Will I be able to change the appointment time?

We have arranged the testing to keep consistent groups of students for each test to reduce the possible number of contacts. The testing centre is set up to enable students and staff to socially distance. Arranging 4,500 tests is a logistical challenge, and we are therefore unfortunately unable to change appointment times. If one of the testing opportunities is missed, students can still access the other testing appointment slots allocated. If you have consented to the lateral flow test but are not able to attend the appointment you can let us know by emailing jbrownridge@keslichfield.org.uk.

How long will the process take?

We estimate that it will approximately 30 minutes from the start of the registration to leaving the test site. As we haven't yet conducted testing on this scale, this is an estimation and we thank you for your patience and understanding as we complete this process.

Where can I find out more information?

Please refer to the letter sent on 26th February for full details about lateral flow testing at King Edward School. The previous letter can be found in the coronavirus section of the school website along with the Risk Assessment and Privacy Notice. A reminder of the link to the video to show students what to expect when coming for their first lateral flow test can be found here <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=1EKQJ-PwyQc&feature=youtu.be>.

Is the test compulsory?

Although we encourage students to take the test, it is voluntary and students who have not or cannot be tested are still permitted to return to school. If a student does not want to go ahead with the test once they have arrived at the test centre, they will return home (or back to class if their year group has returned to school.)

Social distancing reminder

Please remind students to be mindful of social distancing on their way to school, whilst waiting for their test and as they go home. After completing the test they must not congregate, they must leave the school site and return home. We understand that many students haven't seen their friends face to face for some time and they will have the opportunity to see their friends properly on their full return.

What should my child do when they arrive at school for the first test?

Please go to the Leisure Centre where there will be a member of staff to greet every student and issue them with a registration card.

Sixth form students will complete their own registration via their mobile phone having discussed participation with parents or carers and will directly receive the result. Students provide consent by completing the registration form on the day of each test. If they have a smart phone, this should be brought along to the testing site. If a student doesn't have a smart phone a member of our testing team will support with the registration process. Year 12 and 13 students should arrive at the leisure centre at the time indicated. Teachers are aware that some students will need to miss lesson time to access the lateral flow testing.

Due to the number of staff and students involved in the testing process, cars will not be permitted on the school site to drop off and collect students for these initial testing appointments. We thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

We are extremely grateful that members of our school and wider community have volunteered to support our testing programme which forms an important part of enabling our students to return to school safely. This is significant logistical challenge and we thank you for your support and patience whilst we complete it.

We look forward to seeing our students back in school.

Yours sincerely



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