



# CHARLTON SCHOOL

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**Principal: Mr A McNaughton**



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your support throughout the testing process. On-site testing has now stopped, we have retained a very small testing capacity to support the testing of visiting professionals or any students who are unable to take their tests at home, for example if they have additional needs. Should this be required, please contact Mrs Edwards through the school reception.

During the nine days of on-site testing, we have conducted 3057 tests on students. It is vital that this level of twice weekly testing for students is maintained and that Coronavirus is kept out of the school building. Staff are also continuing to test twice weekly; this includes all our catering and cleaning contractors.

You will see from the leaflet that has been brought home by your child, it is recommended that children aged 12 to 16 are able to administer the test at home themselves under adult supervision, but for children still aged 11, the test should be carried out by an adult, despite them having been permitted to conduct the test themselves on the school site under our supervision.

The lateral flow test kits that have been provided are for **asymptomatic** testing only (testing of people without Coronavirus symptoms) and must only be used by Charlton students. Please see my previous letters about availability of test kits for other household members.

Should a Charlton student or any household member display symptoms of Coronavirus, the household must isolate immediately, and they must book a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test by following [this link](#) and not use a lateral flow test provided by the school.

## **Symptoms of Coronavirus**

The most important symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

## **How to report test results**

If a test is positive, the student and members of the household should immediately start isolating in line with [public health guidance](#).

All **students, staff, and their households** who take their tests at home should report the results by calling 119 or through the NHS [online form](#). You will receive further guidance on what to do next from NHS Track and Trace.

As a school we are unable to access the results from the government website and need you to report them to us directly at the following link, it is a very quick and simple form:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=2s8TOK9SpUy44yMVeXcKukUVAPHX4pVNshvCJ8oFcsFURDIzVEQzM0pFNIBTR1VZUUVBNMkE5QVRPQi4u>

**Should the outcome of the test be positive, in addition to the above, please call the school at your earliest convenience (01952 386800) and send an email to [covid@charlton.uk.com](mailto:covid@charlton.uk.com) this email will be checked periodically out of school hours.**

As tests taken at home are unsupervised, if a **student, member of staff or a member of their household** gets a positive result at home they should report the result and arrange to have a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test by following [this link](#).

In the event that the PCR test is negative – that they do not have Covid 19 – it is likely that this will **override the lateral flow test** if it was taken at home and therefore, they may be able to return to school if approval is given from the Health Protection Hub.

Students have currently received enough tests to take them through to the end of term. The Government has updated its guidance this week and have asked for testing to continue over the holiday for both staff and students. We will provide two further test kit boxes in the last week of term. This will provide sufficient tests for the two-week holiday period and the first week of the summer term.

We all have a responsibility to keep the community levels of Coronavirus reducing as much as possible, please continue to follow Government guidelines, in this way we can hopefully stick to the dates laid out in the road map to lift restrictions fully.

Yours faithfully,



Mr A McNaughton  
Principal