



Whitburn Church of England Academy

An Academy with Specialist Status in Maths and Computing

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2nd March 2021

Arrangements for Asymptomatic Testing

Dear Parent/Carers of Years 7, 12 and 13

The arrangements for the first asymptomatic test of consenting students in Years 7, 12 and 13 on **Friday 5th March** is as follows.

Due to the large numbers to be tested, please ensure that your child reports promptly to the yard, with a face mask to put on unless exempt, at the time shown below. This will allow us to operate smoothly. Your child must also ensure that social distancing from peers is maintained prior to the testing.

Friday 5th March 2021	
08.30 – 11.30 Year 7	
08.30	Surnames A to C
09.00	Surnames D to H
09.30	Surnames I to N
10.00	Surnames O to S
10.30	Surnames T to Y
11.30 – 12.30 Year 13	
11.30	Surnames A to H
12.00	Surnames I to Z
13.30 – 15.30 Year 12	
13.30	Surnames A to G
14.00	Surnames H to P
14.30	Surnames Q to Y

Those taking the test will be supervised by trained staff and the process is outlined below:

1. Mobile phones are not allowed in the testing centre or waiting areas.
2. Students must arrive at the yard at their allocated time with a face covering. They must arrive on time and ensure social distancing is maintained. Due to restrictions in place with visitors, parents are unable to accompany their child.
3. Designated staff members will welcome them and direct them to the South entrance.

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4. Students will be directed into the testing centre where staff will greet and register them. They will also explain the process and observe them carrying out the testing.
5. Testing is conducted in discreet bays with as much privacy as can be afforded.
6. **For first test only** - as soon as a student is tested, they will wait in the Sports Hall, with a staff member supervising, whilst they wait for their test result. This should take about 30 minutes. In the event of a positive result, parent/carers will be contacted to collect.
7. Students must go straight home after their first test result has been given and not congregate in the local area. If parent/carers can support this by dropping their child off closely to the school and collect them afterwards this will be greatly appreciated.
8. *Limited on-site parking spaces will be available for parent/carers to wait for their child on Friday.*

As a further reminder, the testing programme at school is for people with no symptoms. Students should not be on site if they are displaying any symptoms. Students presenting with symptoms will not be permitted entry and parents will be contacted.

The second and third tests for your child are planned to occur on the following dates during the school day.

We will then be able to issue the twice-weekly home-testing kits after the final test has been completed. More information will be provided nearer the time with regard to this.

Year Groups	2 nd On-site LFD Test	3 rd On-site LFD Test
7, 12 and 13	Wednesday 10 th March	Monday 15 th March
10 and 11	Thursday 11 th March	Tuesday 16 th March
8 and 9	Friday 12 th March	Wednesday 17 th March

We thank you again for your ongoing support with this and we look forward to welcoming your child and year group back in school for face-to-face teaching at the usual time on **Monday 8th March**.

Yours faithfully



D Smith
Senior Deputy Headteacher