



Whitburn Church of England Academy

An Academy with Specialist Status in Maths and Computing

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Arrangements for January 2022 On-Site Testing

Dear Parent/Carer

Many thanks for completing the online form to give consent for your child to have an on-site supervised LFD asymptomatic test on **Tuesday 4th January 2022**.

The timings for the day are outlined below. Please ensure that your child reports promptly to the yard at the time shown below, as this will allow us to operate smoothly. Your child does **NOT** need to wear school uniform.

Date	Year Group	Surname	Time to Report to the Yard
Tuesday 4 th January	Year 11	A-J	08.30
		K-Z	09.00
	Year 12/13	A-L	09.30
		M-Z	10.00
	Year 7	A-L	10.30
		M-Z	11.00
	Year 8	A-K	11.30
		L-Y	12.00
	Year 9	A-P	13.00
		Q-Z	14.00
	Year 10	A-M	14.30
		N-Z	15.00

Please note that siblings in different Year groups can arrive together and should come at the earliest allocated time

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

1. Mobile phones are not allowed to be turned on in the testing centre.
2. Students must arrive at the yard at their allocated time (*and no more than 10 minutes prior to this*).
3. Designated staff members will welcome the students and direct them to the South entrance. *Please note parent/carers are unable to accompany their child inside the school.*
4. Students will be directed into the testing centre where staff will greet and register them. They will also explain the process.

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5. The onsite testing process will be carried out by students themselves, with guidance and support from trained staff. The lateral flow tests are quick and easy to undertake, using a swab of the nose only.
6. Testing is conducted in discreet bays with as much privacy as can be afforded.
7. Please be assured that if, on the day of the test, a student does not willingly agree to complete the test, they will not be made to do so and parent/carers will be informed.
8. As soon as a student is tested, they should leave the site. If parent/carers can support this by dropping their child off closely to the school and collecting them afterwards, this will be greatly appreciated.
9. *On-site parking spaces will be available but limited on the day.*
10. Results should take about 15 minutes to process. Notification of the test result will be sent to the email address and via text to the mobile number supplied on the completed consent form by the end of the day.

In the event of a student receiving a positive LFD test result, they must self-isolate at home. A PCR test should then be booked as soon as possible to confirm the result <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. The Government advice is to visit a community or drive through test site as this is the quickest way to get tested, or you can order a home test kit. It is important that they self-isolate until the result of their PCR test. If the PCR result is negative, the student can return to school. If the PCR result is positive, the student can return to school after 10 days of self-isolation, provided they are symptom free.

Students are then encouraged to continue twice weekly LFD testing at home.

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.

I would like to thank you once again for your ongoing support and we look forward to welcoming your child and the whole school back on **Wednesday 5th January 2022**.

Yours faithfully



J Crowe
Principal