

Frequently Asked Questions

Lateral Flow Testing	
What is a lateral flow test?	A lateral flow test helps to track the spread of Covid 19 in asymptomatic populations. Testing regularly ensures that the school site remains as safe as possible for its community of students and staff. The test involves the individual taking a swab from the back of their throat and their nose. The test takes a few seconds and full instructions are available to see online and our trained staff will be on hand to help advise participants.
If my child was tested back in January, would she have to be tested again?	The government have advised that all students need to have three tests completed, each within 3-5 days in a school testing site and then they will be expected to test themselves at home using the testing kits provided by the school. Home testing kits will be handed out to students once they have completed their 3 tests on site. The school have provided a video showing the process at our testing centre and there are instructional videos for the tests themselves online via the government website. The tests do not cause nosebleeds when performed correctly and your child can eat any meals as normal.
What happens if I don't want my child to be tested?	You still need to complete the online form to let us know that you refuse consent but we advise everyone to participate in order to keep our school site as safe as possible for the school community. Students can opt out of the testing if they do not feel able to participate on the day.
What happens if I test positive?	If a student tests positive the school will inform families immediately and the student will need to return home immediately to begin their isolation period. The child and family will need to then isolate for the government guidelines of 10 days for the positive test. Students will need to inform the school of any positive results from test taken at home as has already been happening. Families can report a positive case to: reception@langleyacademy.org or 01753 214440

Returning to School	
Face Masks	<p>All children will be expected to wear face masks at all times unless clinically exempt or participating in a PE lesson. Staff will be enforcing that masks are worn correctly at all times.</p> <p>Students have also been asked not to congregate in groups of more than 6 outside of classes.</p> <p>Children are required to wear a face mask unless they have a medical reason for not having to do so.</p>
What happens if I do not want my child tested for Covid 19 at school? Will they not be allowed to return?	<p>Students and families can refuse to participate in the tests. They will still be expected to return to school after their year group have all completed their first lateral flow test. Information will be sent out to each year group advising of testing times and timings to enter school for those not participating.</p>
Can my child continue to learn online?	<p>No. The government have made it compulsory for all students to return to school from March 8th. The only exception to this is how the testing schedule is designed. Students can only return to school once their year group has received its first lateral flow test.</p> <p>Remote learning will only be available for students that have to isolate after this date.</p>