



# Fairlands Middle School

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20 July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

We are holding lateral flow device (LFD) testing for Year 7 and Year 8 pupils in school at the start of the Autumn term following the summer holiday period as per current Government guidance.

Up to one third of people who have coronavirus are asymptomatic. By testing, we will help to reduce the spread in school and college settings through asymptomatic transmission. I am therefore strongly encouraging our Year 7 and Year 8 pupils in September to be tested.

We will be looking to test pupils on the following dates:

<b>Year 8</b>	<b>Wednesday 8 September</b>
<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Thursday 9 September</b>
<b>Year 8</b>	<b>Monday 13 September</b>
<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Tuesday 14 September</b>

If you are an existing Year 7 parent/carers and have already given your consent, you do not need to give it again. Nothing is changing in the way we are processing your data. We do need to make you aware, however, that you can withdraw it.

If you are a Year 6 parent/carers, could you please complete the link below to consent to your child taking an LFD test.

[Covid-19 Consent Form](#)

Upon our return in September the Government guidance below will apply. However, please keep an eye on our website should this change over the summer.

- Parents/carers will receive a communication via text/email providing the result of the LFD test. If a pupil tests positive, they will need to self-isolate immediately and a confirmatory PCR test ordered. The confirmatory PCR test should be taken within two days of the positive LFD test. If the confirmatory PCR is negative the pupil can stop self-isolating and return to school. Should a confirmatory PCR not be obtained the pupil should self-isolate for 10 days from the result of the positive lateral flow test.
- While a small number of pupils may need to repeat the test if the first test was invalid or void for some reason, pupils who test negative will be able to stay in school and resume their activities as normal. A pupil will be notified that they are a close contact with someone who tests positive and will need to self-isolate for 10 days in line with Government guidance.



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If you are worried about any child please make an appointment to see either Helen Heffernan, Designated Safeguarding Lead or Robert Cooling, Felicity Grant, Sally Virgin, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads  
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- This testing programme is for people with no symptoms. If your child develops symptoms at any time (including a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste) they must immediately self-isolate and book a test by calling 119 or visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

A copy of our Privacy Statement is attached for your information.

If you have any questions, please email [office@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk](mailto:office@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk) or telephone 01934 743186.

We urgently need adult volunteers on the dates mentioned to help with the testing. If you are able to help, please email [office@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk](mailto:office@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk) or telephone the school office on 01934 743186 as soon as you can.

Yours sincerely

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