

FAQs

What if myself or someone in my household has symptoms/ is self-isolating what do I need to do?

If you have symptoms and are self-isolating you should follow the stay at home guidance available on the Gov.uk website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

You should order a test via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>, or use the NHS COVID-19 app, or by calling 119. Please do not attend school or return test kits to school if you are self-isolating.

How does this affect regular LFD testing?

This PCR testing is in addition to routine twice-weekly LFD testing.

LFD tests do not enable sequencing of the virus to identify which variant is present.

LFD and PCR tests can be taken on the same day if convenient.

Do parents need to consent to testing?

The PCR tests are to be carried out at home. Staff, parents and students do not need to give written consent to take part. Tests must be registered online (www.gov.uk/register-home-test) and the privacy notice for testing is also provided here.

Why do tests need to be registered?

All tests will need to be registered online to enable the result to be communicated to the individual. A separate instruction leaflet is included for this as it differs slightly to the information in the test leaflet. Tests must **not** be returned by post. The exception to this is if someone is self-isolating and has symptoms in which case tests can be sent through priority post boxes which can be looked up on the gov.uk website.

Do household members of those who attend a Wandsworth school also need to be tested?

Household members over 11 years who do not attend a Wandsworth school but who live in Wandsworth should get tested. This is why we have also provided sufficient tests to cover all household members. Although the target group is 11+, you may test younger children if you wish.

If you do not live or work in Wandsworth or Lambeth, you do not need to take part in this asymptomatic PCR enhanced testing.

Should staff or students test within 90 days of a previous positive PCR test?

Anyone who has tested positive for Covid-19 within the previous 90 days does not need to be re-tested as part of this enhanced testing programme unless they develop new symptoms of Covid-19. If they *choose* to be tested, they can take a test – if this returns a positive test result they will need to self-isolate.

Do people who have been vaccinated need to be tested?

Yes. Even if you have had 2 doses of the COVID-19 vaccines, you should still be tested. This will help us understand how effective the vaccines are against new and emerging variants.

