



COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions

What if I give consent and then my child doesn't want to take the test on the day?

That's fine, nobody will be forced to take the test. We strongly encourage students to participate but it isn't compulsory.

What if I don't consent?

Your child will return on the same day as the rest of the year group. **Not** on the day of the first test.

What test will they be taking?

We have been given the Innovative test which is a swab test at the back of the throat and up the nose.

If my child doesn't want to take the test at school can they do the test at home?

Unfortunately, we are only able to distribute tests to students that have undertaken the three tests in school.

What if I change my mind and I want my child tested on the day?

We will need 24 hours' notice of a change. If you do change your mind and give consent later and we will be able to conduct three tests in school before issuing the home test kits.

My child is anxious about the test?

We have trained testing operatives and familiar staff in the test site that are able to provide support. Please click on the link for a video to demonstrate how to swab.

My child has tested positive for COVID-19 previously?

Our advice in these circumstances is not to have a lateral flow test if they have had a positive test in the last 90 days. However, if you would like them to participate you should be clear that a positive result will mean the household will be required to repeat isolation.

After 90 days has expired they can participate in testing, you will need to inform the school once they have reached the 90 days.

Should my child wear their uniform for testing?

There is no need for them to wear their uniform, however they will need to be in full uniform from the first day back in lessons.

I am unable to access the consent form online?

Please contact admin@blackfen.bexley.sch.uk and we will send one to you.

My child is in 6th Form do I need to give consent?

Anybody over the age of 16 can consent to the test themselves, however, they will need to complete the consent form.