

11/3/2021

Dear Parent / Carer

I would like to start by thanking you for your support in ensuring that all students, who returned to Elutec Academy this week, have undertaken at least one Lateral Flow Test within the Academy grounds. As you know, the Government have stipulated that each secondary age student undertakes at least 3 tests within the first two weeks of being back in school. Elutec Academy has a rigid timeframe to complete this milestone and by Thursday 18 March 2021, this will have been achieved.

You may also have heard that as from Monday 22 March, all students will be required to undertake the lateral flow testing at home. I will be instructing all students on how to complete the test at home during assemblies in the forthcoming week to ensure that they understand exactly how to perform the test on themselves, as well as test the sample and record the results on the Government websites.

It is asked that two tests are taken each week to ensure that the risk of COVID-19 transmitting throughout the population again, is minimised. The tests should be taken between 3 and 5 days apart and within a timely manner to ensure that the results are uploaded before the students come in to the Academy.

Every student within the Academy will be given 2 test kits, each comprising of:

- 1 x Extraction tube holder
- 3 x test trips
- 3 x Extraction buffer sachets
- 3 x extraction tubes
- 3 swabs
- 3 waste bags to dispose of the samples

Full written instructions will be given to each student alongside the instructions within each test kit. There will be the expectation that results are logged on to the Government websites at the end of each test process.

If your child tests negative, then they are required to attend school each day. If your child tests positive, then you are to follow the national guidelines of self-isolation and contact 119 to inform them of a positive result as well as logging the positive result on the Government websites. Once you have logged the positive result, your child will be expected to undertake a PCR test which requires sending a sample off to a laboratory for analysis to indicate whether they have COVID – 19 or not. If this sample comes back negative, then your child can return to school. If this sample comes back positive, then you are to remain in self-isolation for the entire 10-day period. If at any point your child has tested positive following either test, then please can you let the Academy know as soon as possible in order for us to initiate test and trace within our community.

If you feel that your child is unable to undertake the tests at home, please can you let me know as soon as possible. I will ensure that your child is tested within the Academy by trained members of staff.

Should you feel that you would like to discuss this further, then please do not hesitate into contact me on m.lewis@elutec.co.uk and I hope that you and your family continue to stay safe and look after each other.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. M. Lewis

Assistant Principal