



THE DEAN TRUST Lord Derby Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

In line with the latest Government guidance for the safe return of pupils to school, Lord Derby Academy will be delivering on-site lateral flow Covid-19 testing for consenting staff and pupils. Along with the other protective measures we are taking, these tests help staff and pupils to remain in school safely.

Up to one third of people who have coronavirus experience no symptoms and, through testing, we can help to stop the virus from spreading. The test is voluntary and free of charge and I would encourage everyone to take it.

As pupils start to return to school **from Monday 8th March 2021**, pupils for whom we have consent will take three tests across a period of two weeks. Pupils will self-swab, under the supervision of trained staff. The 'lateral flow' tests are quick and easy - using a swab of the nose and throat. Results will be shared directly with staff and individual pupils participating.

In order for your child to be tested we require consent. If you wish for your child to be tested, please complete the electronic consent form by following this link: [Consent form](#)

In order for us to arrange this testing process, we would ask that you complete the consent form by:
4pm on Monday 1st March 2021

After the initial programme of three tests in school, pupils will be provided with two rapid tests to use each week at home. In order for your child to be tested, they will be pre-registered by the school using the information included on the consent form. Please note the following:

The consent form is for participation in tests designed to detect asymptomatic coronavirus cases. Anyone who is experiencing symptoms should follow government guidelines to self-isolate, even if they have had a recent negative lateral flow test.

Consent relates to the following groups of pupils as follows:

- For pupils younger than 16 years - this form must be completed by the parent or carer. Please complete one consent form for each child you wish to participate in testing.
- Pupils over 16 who are able to provide informed consent can complete this form themselves, having discussed participation with their parent/carer if under 18.

If you have any queries relating to the contents of this letter please contact the school office.

I thank you for your continued support during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Yours sincerely,

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