

# Education and Learning Directorate

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Dear Parent / Carer,

### **COVID-19 asymptomatic testing programme for BGE Pupils: S1, S2 and S3**

I am writing to let you know about the Schools/ELC Asymptomatic Testing Programme using Lateral Flow Device Tests (LFD), which is being put in place as part of the package of coronavirus risk reduction mitigations in schools across Scotland. I would like to give you more information about how the programme will operate in Moffat Academy. I am also enclosing a consent form with this letter. If, after reading this letter, you wish for your son/daughter to participate in testing, please ensure that the attached consent form is completed and returned at the earliest opportunity. If you wish to see a copy of the privacy notice, it can be viewed at [www.dumgal.gov.uk/privacy](http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/privacy).

#### **Why is your school participating in the programme?**

Along with the other protective measures we are collectively implementing, regular voluntary testing of staff and young people will help to further reduce risks in the school environment. It will do so by helping to identify asymptomatic individuals in school environments at the earliest possible opportunity, and asking them and their close contacts to self-isolate, thus minimising the likelihood of them passing on the virus.

#### **Who can take part?**

The regular testing is open to all school staff and pupils in S1-S6 who are regularly attending the school premises.

#### **Do I have to take part?**

Testing is voluntary. No-one who is otherwise permitted to come to school will be prevented from doing so just because they do not wish to participate. However, we are strongly encouraging all staff and pupils in S1-6 to participate wherever possible, in order to contribute to the wellbeing of our school community. If you wish for your son/daughter to take part, please read the privacy notice link carefully at [www.dumgal.gov.uk/privacy](http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/privacy), and sign and return the attached consent form.

#### **What will the testing involve?**

School is being provided with a supply of Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test kits for use at home. We will give each participating pupil a supply of these test kits to take home, together with the 'Instructions for Use'. Test kits will only be issued to pupils where we have received a signed parental consent form (pupils over the age of 16 may sign their own consent form). At collection, each pupil will be asked to sign for their test kits in a log. Completion of this test kit log is a regulatory requirement.

We will then ask pupils to test regularly at home, twice a week (every three to four days, ideally in the morning before school), to fit with attendance patterns.

The LFDs supplied do not require laboratory processing and can provide a quick result in around 30 minutes. Comprehensive guidance on conducting self-testing is contained in the 'Instructions for Use' leaflet which will be provided with the test kit.

The school will provide you with the most up to date Instructions for Use along with your test kits. You should ensure you use these, and not the ones that are pre-packaged in the test kits. There is also a useful video to show you how to administer the test, available here: <https://supportdg.dumgal.gov.uk/LFDtest>

Once the test has been conducted you must log the test result – whether positive or negative – online at [www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result](http://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result). Test kits are free of charge and will be provided by the school.

**NB:** It is important to note that this regular testing is only for individuals without symptoms. Those with symptoms must continue to follow the usual guidance. They must self-isolate and book a PCR test at a test centre or via a home test kit at the earliest opportunity. Pupils with symptoms must not rely on a negative LFD result to continue to attend school.

**NB:** A negative test result must not be taken as leave to relax or ignore physical distancing or other measures intended to reduce transmission – testing is an additional intervention that contributes to reducing risk.

**When will it start?**

Pupils can collect their test kits from the school on their allocated attendance days - week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021. Pupils who are not currently attending school, but who are expected to return in w/c 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021, can attend school solely for the purposes of collecting test kits by prior arrangement. Please ensure you observe physical distancing and wear face coverings when attending for these purposes.

If you receive your test kits in time, pupils are encouraged to start testing in the week before they return to regular in-person attendance at school.

We will continue to support and communicate with young people, parents and the wider school community as we implement this programme.

Yours faithfully



Tara Woods  
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