

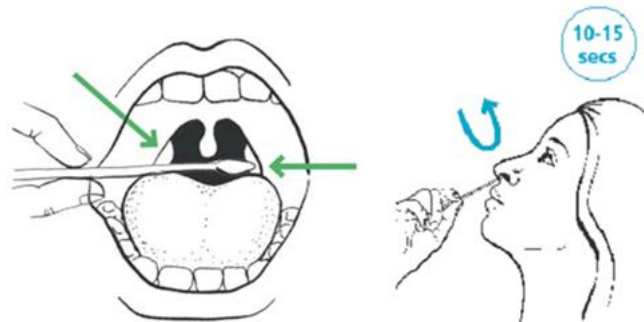
LFD Testing Information Sheet

Lateral Flow Devices (LFD) are rapid tests that can process COVID-19 samples on site without the need for laboratory equipment and are able to generate results in around half an hour. They help identify COVID-19 infections for asymptomatic people (those who may be affected but do not display symptoms). The fast turnaround of these tests allows positive people to self-isolate quickly and further reduce the risk of transmission of the virus.

Testing will take place in a dedicated area which will be set up in school following strict safety guidelines.

On arrival students and participating staff should wear or will be provided with a face covering at all times and will be directed by school staff where to attend for testing. Trained personnel will welcome them to the test area and provide full information on how to complete the test.

The tests involve taking a swab from the back of the throat and nose. This can be done by the person themselves.



It is a simple process that should take no longer than 5 to 10 minutes. Whilst uncomfortable, it is pain free.

The sample taken is transferred to an absorbent pad on the testing device by a trained test assistant. After half an hour this then shows the result in a small window (similar to a pregnancy test). Results will be sent home to parents via email.

Step by step instructions will be provided at the time with support throughout the process. The whole process is guided and samples processed by trained personnel following safe operating procedures and wearing personal protective equipment (PPE).

The tests are completely voluntary and free of charge.