



25 February 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

Lateral Flow Testing

We hope that you are all managing to keep safe and well in these extraordinary times we find ourselves in.

As you will be aware the government have announced that students are to start to return to school from the 8th March. In order to be able to facilitate this and to be able to keep everyone as safe as possible the government have instructed schools to carry out lateral flow tests on the students within the academy. These tests will be conducted in school initially and will then move on to home testing in due course. Further guidance will follow.

The lateral flow tests are designed to detect people that are asymptomatic, showing no obvious symptoms of Coronavirus. Further down this letter you will find the link to the consent from that must be completed by yourself prior to any testing being able to take place on your young person. However, anyone that finds themselves displaying/experiencing symptoms should continue to follow the government guidelines to self-isolate, as they have done so for the last year, even if they have just had a recent negative lateral flow test.

Prior to giving consent it is important that you understand what you are giving consent for. Please read the terms of consent below before completing the consent form:

Terms of consent

1. I have had the opportunity to consider the information provided by the school regarding the testing. Any questions have been answered satisfactorily, based on the information presented in the letter dated 25th February 2021.
2. I have discussed the testing with my child and my child is happy to participate. If on the day of testing they do not wish to take part, then they will not be made to do so and consent can be withdrawn at any time ahead of the test.
3. I consent to my child having a nose and throat swab for lateral flow tests. My child will self-swab if my child is able to otherwise, I understand, that assistance is available.
4. I understand that there may be multiple tests required and this consent covers all tests undertaken,
5. I consent that my child's sample(s) will be tested for the presence of COVID-19.
6. I understand that if my child's result(s) are negative on the lateral flow test I will not be contacted by the school except where they are a close contact of a confirmed positive case.
7. If the lateral flow test indicates the presence of COVID-19, I commit to my child being removed from the school premises as promptly as possible, bearing in mind they may have some anxiety following a positive test result.
8. I understand that they will need to self-isolate following a positive lateral flow test result.

9. I agree that once home testing commences, if my young person's test results are confirmed to be positive from the lateral flow test, I will report this to the school immediately. I understand that my child will be required to self-isolate following public health advice.
10. I understand that if a close contact of my child tests positive my young person will self-isolate for 10 days in line with Government guidance.

If you do have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at datateam@passmoresacademy.com.

In order to be able to start this process as soon as the students start to return to school please can we ask that we have received your consent by **Monday 01 March** at the very latest.

Consent Link Below

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vbyKRbIB20yLIPG5YIL5Sm1XEF1nXopKm5vDdHnVZCBUMUtHNVVYTVIOSUxaTU5ER1BFVINNUURCRS4u>

Privacy Notices and Frequently Asked Questions can be found on the school website.

Stay well please.

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is 'Natalie Christie' and the signature on the right is 'Vic Goddard'. Both signatures are written in a cursive, flowing style.

Natalie Christie & Vic Goddard
Co-Principals of Passmores Academy