

# **CHARLTON SCHOOL**

Providing an environment in which all students can succeed, with learning at the heart of all we do.

Principal: Mr A McNaughton



Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find a summary table below for the arrangements over the coming days for our testing programme and returning to school.

Year Group	Testing (at set times)	Return to School
7	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March (Morning)	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March
8	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March (Morning)	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March
9	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March (Afternoon)	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March
10	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March (Afternoon)	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March
11	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> March (Morning)	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March

Full details of times for testing, the consent form for testing and the letters sent previously can be accessed at the following link:

http://charlton.uk.com/quick-links/parents/covid-19-return-to-school-information

Thank you for your support with the testing programme, as of this morning, we have had over 73% of the student population consent for testing.

Whilst testing is non-compulsory, we strongly recommend that all students undertake this process. If you are happy for your child to be tested, please complete the online consent form:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=2s8TOK9SpUy44yMVeXcKukUVAPHX4pVNshvCJ8oFcsFUNlhPVk1OWTBGR0ZTS0tQQ0M3VDc4QUdPWi4u

If you have previously provided consent due to accessing our on-site provision during lockdown, you do not need to complete it again. Please complete the consent form by 3.00pm on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March to allow us to bulk upload registrations to the NHS Test and Trace system. **Students who have tested positive for Coronavirus within the last 90 days are exempt from testing and should not complete the consent form.** 

In addition to the testing in schools, home testing is now available for adults who live in households with children in education, this includes parents/carers and those in their support or childcare bubbles. More information on this is available at the following link:

http://newsroom.telford.gov.uk/News/Details/15676

The following information has been provided by Telford and Wrekin. Households, childcare and support bubbles of primary, secondary and college staff can also be tested. Twice-weekly testing

will also be offered to adults working in the wider school community, including bus drivers and after school club leaders.

The twice-weekly test kits in Telford and Wrekin (for people feeling well, with no coronavirus symptoms - in the above-mentioned groups) can be accessed as follows:

### By going to a community-test site

You can have a rapid test at one of the three Council-run test sites (in Oakengates, Madeley and Newport) or participating pharmacies. Testing at these sites is assisted, which means you will swab yourself under the supervision of a trained operator. To book a rapid test appointment, go to <a href="rapidtest.telford.gov.uk">rapidtest.telford.gov.uk</a>

## By collecting a home test kit from an NHS "Test & Trace" site

In Telford and Wrekin, there are 5 NHS "Test & Trace" sites – tests can be collected from these sites between 1pm and 7pm:

- Ironbridge Park and Ride, Off A4169, TF4 3QE
- Legges Way Car Park Legges Way, Madeley, TF7 5UD
- The Place Car Park, The Place New Street, Oakengates, TF2 6ET (*Please note: This is the Walk In Centre on the Car Park, not the rapid test centre at The Place.*)
- Donnington Wood Bowling Club, School Road, Donnington (Telford), TF2 8HU
- Wrekin Road Car Park, Wellington, TF1 1YZ

Anyone aged 18 or over can collect testing kits - there is no need to book an appointment to collect your testing kit, you can just turn up. You can collect up to 4 home test kits, each kit contains 7 tests.

You can check online if the location is busy before you go. Tests can be collected from any of the <u>test</u> centres shown on the NHS map Find your nearest home test kit collection point

## By contacting your employer if your employer provides testing

Some employers may be offering rapid testing, please check with your employer to see if this option is available to you.

### By ordering online a home test kit

If you cannot get tested at your workplace, or are unable to go to a test site or collect test kits, you can <u>order online</u> a home test kit. Please do not order online if you can get a test through other methods. This frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

Mass testing will be crucial to keeping the school open and I would urge all families to participate in home testing to support keeping coronavirus out of our school.

Yours faithfully

Mr A McNaughton

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