

and greet as well as administer the tests, all staff care greatly about our students and are ready and most willing to support them as best they can. They've also been trained in how best to support the administering of the tests. There are mirrors and clear guides on what to do and how to do it supported by pictures to show each step - these are in each testing bay . We're confident we can talk anyone through it and it's really not that bad at all, just not much fun. Please do watch the really helpful walk through Mrs Huett has put together <https://youtu.be/wOb837QI--Q>

More detailed information can be found on the website at

<https://www.weaversacademy.org.uk/mass-testing>

If my child has a brother or sister in the same year, or different years can they attend on the same day as they are part of the same bubble at home?

If they are in the same year group they can come at the same time, but if they are in different year groups, they do need to stick to their appointment times to avoid crossing bubbles.

One/both of my children have had Covid; do they still need testing?

The advice is that individuals do not need testing in the 90 days following having Covid. So if they have had Covid since 03/12 (if they are due in Wednesday or 04/12 for Thursday etc) then no they don't need to be retested. If they had Covid. Prior to this date, they will need the test. If they choose to have the test anyway, and it is less than 90 days since they had Covid, and the test returns a positive result, the Public Health England guidelines are that these individuals will need to self isolate for 10 days.

I've not been able to give consent online but do want my child to be tested, what can I do?

You can still attend at the allocated time, we have copies of paper consent forms still available- we don't want to disadvantage anyone from completing the tests if they agree to them but be aware the process will take longer.

Why am I getting notifications that my test has been activated before my child has had their test?

When we were planning for Mass Testing it became clear very quickly that registration took significantly longer than completing the test. Registration took on average about 5 minutes whereas more experienced testers complete a test in just under 3 minutes. Given the direction from the government to offer three tests as well as having the opportunity to return from the 8th, we made the decision to pre register students following your consent- something we are permitted to do within 24hours. It takes a lot of work from our admin

team but it means we are taking away 5 minutes of potential stress from our students, and most importantly, getting our students back significantly quicker. We think it's worth it.

My child has had the test but I've not received the result of the test, what should I do?

If you have not received a result notification by the next working day you can assume that the test was negative. Apologies if you've not received the official NHS notification but rest assured the school will be contacting you directly and immediately if the test result is positive.

I really don't want my child to be tested, are they/we going to be treated differently and do they have to get this done before they return?

No child gets tested without consent and we completely respect that. Our focus is removing barriers to education, not creating them. Be assured only the registration team know who have consented or not - and that's where it stays. Students are not denied access to school because of refusing to have a Covid test.