



Highfields Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you've all had a good week. I'm sure that you have heard on the news that the number of cases of Covid-19 is on the rise within Cheshire East. I am aware that some schools in the area have had to close classes due to positive cases and I keep my fingers crossed that we will not find ourselves in a similar position.

Quite a while ago we did send out an attachment from Cheshire East along with one of my letters that informed parents of school age pupils about their eligibility to access LFD tests. I have included the information again in this letter and also a link to the Cheshire East Covid-19 website:

https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/council_information/media_hub/media_releases/cheshire-east-residents-to-have-access-to-a-range-of-lateral-flow-testing-sites.aspx

From Cheshire East website:

Government guidance has been issued to advise that households and bubbles of pupils, students and staff of schools and colleges should get tested twice-weekly. This also includes the wider school community including bus drivers and after school club leaders.

People within this category (ie all parents) can collect lateral flow testing kits from either of the council's two local testing sites from 1.30-7pm. These two sites are based at;

- Crewe - Chester Street car park, CW1 2ER
- Macclesfield - Commercial Road, SK10 2QJ

If people within this category cannot visit a testing site to collect kits, they can alternatively [order kits online](#).

A positive result from a home testing kit does however require a second test in order to confirm the positive result. This must be a traditional Covid-19 test offered at the two testing sites in Crewe or Macclesfield, or a postal one ordered online. Although this is an inconvenience, it doesn't affect the 10-day isolation start date, which will commence after the lateral flow positive result itself.

This is not the case for a positive result from lateral flow tests carried out in a pharmacy or at an asymptomatic testing site. No confirmatory test is needed, and self-isolation must start immediately upon receiving the results.

Summer Fayre

Because of the concern around increasing numbers of cases within the local area I have sadly had to make the decision to cancel the school's summer fayre that was due to take place on the 10th July. Whilst we would love for this to go ahead I believe the potential risk is too high. I do apologise for this, especially to the Friends of Highfields group who I know have put a lot of time and effort into the preparations for the event. I really am sorry.

Reception 2021 induction session:

On Wednesday I informed new parents about the induction session that we will be running on 23rd June. I believe that the time I sent out is different to the time that Mr Fowler had originally said. To confirm, the meeting will start at 6.00pm and not 6.30pm.

I hope you all have a good weekend; it looks like it's going to be a hot one!

Many thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Dyson
Principal