



RUTLISH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

AUTUMN TERM - YEAR 8-10 TESTING IN SCHOOL

Thank you for your continued engagement in the Covid-19 testing programme. Please continue to encourage your child to test twice weekly and report the results until the end of the summer term. If you would like further LFD test kits during the summer, you are able to order these via the government website or from your local pharmacy.

The school will be carrying out Lateral Flow Testing for all students at the start of the autumn term. As we are testing all students the **first school day for Year 8-10 students has been moved to Monday 6th September**, students should arrive at 8.30 am in full school uniform. We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause.

For the first test, students will be invited in by tutor group, on the date and times below. Please make sure your child attends at the time stated below; students will return home following their test. Students will be given a home test kit that day to then start using from Thursday 9th September; we recommend testing on a Sunday and Wednesday evening or Monday and Thursday morning and continue this routine throughout September.

Students will take a second test during the week commencing 6th September 2021 whilst at school.

Consent:

- If you have not previously given consent for your child to be tested and you now wish to do so, please complete the form [Rutlish Consent Form](#)
- If you have already given consent, there is no need to re-consent and your child can attend at the time below.
- If you wish to withdraw your consent, please complete [Withdrawal Consent Form](#).

Students:

- must arrive at the Watery Lane entrance and will be directed to the Hall.
- should not arrive earlier than the time given
- can wear their own clothes
- return straight home once their test is completed

Date	Tutor Group	Year 8 time	Year 9 time	Year 10 time
Friday 3rd September	Argonauts	8.30am	11.30am	14.15
	Romans	8.50am	11.45am	14.30
	Spartans	9.10am	12.00pm	14.45
	Trojans	9.30am	12.15	15.00
	Carthaginians	9.50am	12.30	15.15
	Kelts	10.10am	12.45	15.30
	Parthians	10.30am	13.00	15.45
	Vikings	10.50am	13.15	16.00



Students not taking part in testing do not need to attend school on test day.

We appreciate that students may be nervous about taking the test and there will be staff available to support them.

Test result

Parents/carers and students will be informed as soon as possible (usually within 30 minutes) if they have tested positive or if the test was void.

Students with a positive result will need to take a further 'PCR test' (similar to those done in testing sites) to confirm the result. During this time while they wait for the PCR result (via text / email) they will need to self-isolate until they get their result. If it is negative, the students can return to school.

If the result of this secondary test is positive, the student and household members will need to follow Government guidelines. **Please inform school as soon as you receive this test result via the absence line or email Rutlish.Absence@rutlish.merton.sch.uk or on our website www.rutlish.merton.sch.uk**

What if my child develops symptoms?

This testing programme at school is for people with no symptoms. If your child develops symptoms at any time (such as a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss of change to your sense of smell or taste) they must immediately self-isolate, and book a test by calling 119 (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) or 0300 303 2713 (Scotland) or visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

We will support staff and students throughout, but please contact us if you need this information in any other language or format or if you have any questions. You can call Reception on 020 8542 1212 or email administration@rutlish.merton.sch.uk.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the School Office.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Howarth
Headteacher

