



## DEAN TRUST Wigan

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Dear Parent / Carer

Up to one in three people who have COVID-19 can spread the virus without knowing. This is because they have no symptoms. To reduce the spread of the virus, we need to identify those individuals. We can do this in Dean Trust Wigan by carrying out tests at home twice every week, 3-4 days apart.

[The Government has recently announced that](#) all secondary and college aged students will be offered tests to make the return to Dean Trust Wigan safer for everyone.

### Testing students at home

Students will be able to collect home test kits from their form tutors on set days when deliveries to school have taken place.

We would like them to take their tests before school/college on Monday and Thursday.  
You will also need to tell the school if you receive a positive result.

Tests are free of charge. Students will receive a pack of 3 or 7 tests in a box with a leaflet on how to take the test and report the results. Make sure you have enough time to do the test before going to school. Preferably this would be in the morning before going into school.

However, we understand that for some people this may be challenging. Therefore, tests can be taken the evening before school if needed. You need to report test results.

### Taking the test

Students should take the test, before coming into school, twice a week. We will give students a leaflet with instructions on how to do the test with the kit. There is also a useful video to show you how to take the test [here](#).

[Help and support is available](#), including instructions in different languages on how to test and report the results and a video showing you how to take the test. There is no need to keep used test equipment after the test result has been reported. You can put it in your normal bin (household waste).

This does not replace symptomatic testing. If you have symptoms, you should self-isolate immediately, book a [PCR test](#) and follow [national guidelines](#).

### What should you do after the test?

If anyone tests positive you, your household, any support bubbles you are part of should self-isolate immediately in line with NHS Test and Trace guidance for 10 days.

You need to report your result, whether positive, negative or void, to both [NHS Test and Trace](#) and your school.

You should [order a confirmatory PCR test](#) if you have tested positive. The confirmatory PCR test should be taken within two days of the positive LFD test.

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If the result of the test is unclear (void) you should do another test.

A negative result does not guarantee that you are not carrying the virus. So, you should continue to follow social distancing, and other measures to reduce transmission such as regularly washing your hands and observing social distancing.

If you or anyone in your household gets symptoms of the virus you should follow [national guidelines](#) on self-isolation and testing.

You need to report each test result. The result of each test needs to be reported using the NHS Test & Trace self-report website: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>.

You will also need to tell the school the result of a positive test.

### **Why take part**

Taking part in testing is voluntary and all students will be able to attend school whether they take part in testing or not. I am strongly encouraging all students to take part. Testing at home will your child and other students to attend school as safely as possible.

Please contact Mrs Finnigan, our COVID Coordinator, if you have any questions or concerns about home testing.

Thank you for your support.

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