

Dear parent,

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.

The asymptomatic testing programme is being paused for students in secondary schools and colleges that will be closed over the summer holidays. Your child should continue to test twice a week if they are attending face to face education in school/college over the summer.

If you or your child are not attending a setting over the summer but wish to access rapid lateral flow testing, you can continue to do so by ordering LFD test kits from GOV.UK or by collecting kits from your local pharmacy.

If your child is transitioning to new educational settings, they should start testing on arrival at their new setting in the autumn.

We are unsure about the Covid situation we will face in the autumn, so we want to be prepared for all scenarios. Subject to public health advice, testing may restart on return in the autumn. If it does, we expect to offer your child **two** tests on-site before continuing regular testing at home.

If you wish for your child to be included in the on-site testing programme, please complete the consent form attached and return it to [testing@immanuelcollege.net](mailto:testing@immanuelcollege.net)

Please note that consent given for the March 2021 testing will not apply in September. If we do not receive a new consent form your child will not be included in the testing schedule in the Autumn term. We will be in touch to let you know when your child should attend school for testing before their planned return date in September.

**All consent forms must be returned by 3pm on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Forms returned after this time will not be included.**

Testing twice weekly is helping us stay ahead of the virus by spotting new outbreaks quickly and plan our response. The preparations that schools and colleges are advised to take are subject to further public health advice and the latest position on prevalence of the COVID-19 virus.

Yours faithfully,

Immanuel College

This consent form is for participation in tests at an ATS designed to detect asymptomatic coronavirus cases. **Anyone experiencing symptoms should follow [government guidelines to self-isolate](#), even if they have had a recent negative lateral flow test.**

- Consent relates to the following groups of students/pupils and staff as follows:
  - **For pupils and students younger than 16 years** - this form must be completed by the parent or legal guardian. Please complete one consent form for each child you wish to participate in testing.
  - **Pupils and students over 16 who are able to provide informed consent** - can complete this form themselves, having discussed participation with their parent / guardian if under 18.
  - **For any pupil or student who does not have the capacity to provide informed consent** - this form must be completed by the parent or legal guardian. Please complete one consent form for each child you wish to participate in testing.

### Terms of consent

- 1. I have had the opportunity to consider the information provided by the school/college about the testing, ask questions and have had these answered satisfactorily, based on the information presented in the letter dated [DD/MM/YYYY] and the attached Privacy Notice.
- 2. In the case of under 16s, I have discussed the testing with my child and my child is happy to participate. If on the day of testing they do not wish to take part, then they will not be made to do so and consent can be withdrawn at any time ahead of the test.
- 3. I consent to having / my child having a nose and/or throat swab for lateral flow tests. I / my child will self-swab if I / my child is able to otherwise I understand that assistance is available.
- 4. I understand that there may be multiple tests required and this consent covers all tests for the below named person. If, on the day of testing I / they do not wish to take part, then I understand I / they will not be made to do so and that consent can be withdrawn at any time ahead of the test.
- 5. I consent that my / my child's sample(s) will be tested for the presence of COVID-19.
- 6. If the lateral flow test indicates the presence of COVID-19, I commit to ensuring that I / my child is removed from school premises as promptly as possible, bearing in mind I / they may have some anxiety following a positive test result.
- 7. I agree that if my / my child's test results are confirmed to be positive from this lateral flow test I understand that I / my child will be required to self-isolate and [book a confirmatory PCR](#) test following public health advice.

• <b>First Name</b>	
• <b>Last Name</b>	
• <b>Year group (if applicable)</b>	
• <b>Date of Birth</b>	
• <b>Gender</b> – this information is needed for Department for Health and Social Care research purposes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Male/Female</li> </ul>
• <b>Ethnicity</b> - this information is needed for Department for Health and Social Care research purposes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asian or Asian British</li> <li>• Black, African, Black British or Caribbean</li> <li>• Mixed or multiple ethnic groups</li> <li>• White</li> <li>• Prefer not to say</li> </ul>
• <b>Currently showing any COVID-19 symptoms?</b>	
• <b>Home Postcode</b>	
• <b>Email Address</b> – this is where test results will be sent.	
• <b>Mobile Number</b> – this is where test results will be sent. Please do not put a landline number – you can only receive test results to a mobile number.	
• <b>Name of parent/guardian giving consent</b>	
• <b>Relationship to test subject</b>	
• <b>Signature</b> (typing out your name is sufficient if you are filling in this form digitally)	
• <b>Today's date</b>	
• Details of any health or accessibility issues which might affect a child's safe participation in the testing exercise.	