

COVID-19 RAPID TESTING PROGRAMME FOR COLLEGES

As you may know, the government has announced a rapid Covid-19 testing programme for colleges.

This involves the administration of lateral flow tests to students and staff.

We have been working to put in place a safe and effective method of testing students as they come back into College.

At the moment, the priority will be to test students and staff who are coming back into College during this period of lockdown.

Tests will also be available to students who are identified as a close contact of a student or member of staff who has tested positive. This should help reduce the need to self-isolate.

While testing will be optional, we strongly encourage staff and students to take part as this is the best way to ensure our community remains as safe as possible.

We will not be asking students or staff to participate in testing without their consent and we must have consent before any tests can take place.

Please let us know whether you consent to testing by completing this short [consent form](#).

You will also need to register with the government's service. This must be done no more than 24 hours before and 24 hours after the test has been completed. Further detail on how to do this will be provided when you take your test.

You can find out more information about the testing programme in the attached privacy notice and FAQs.

We look forward to welcoming you back to College very soon.