



Dear Students

As you can imagine we have had an extremely busy week planning and preparing for return to College. Communication and booking arrangements were circulated last week and you should be aware of your individual appointments and plans for return. If you have not booked your appointment or not received individual information, please see an example email sent last week to students (please do not use the appointment booking link) - at this stage please make contact with your tutor as soon as possible to check when your group are due to test and return. As we progress through the week further information will be available for remainder of the onsite testing programme leading to home testing.

Can I also remind you to bring your masks with you at all times for testing as well as full return, as you know you will be required to wear your mask in all communal areas and in classrooms where the guidelines for 2m social distancing is not possible. As previously mentioned if you are exempt from wearing a mask, we will be able to provide you with a protective visor at your testing appointment. Please discuss this when you arrive at the testing facility.

Thank you all for your cooperation and patience. We are really looking forward to welcoming you back at some stage this week.

With very best wishes

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Dear Student,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to you following the email that was sent on 27th February to explain our College process for booking your **1st asymptomatic test** in preparation for you to return to face-to-face teaching.

Please note that there will be further instructions explaining how to book your 2nd and 3rd test with guidance on home testing from the 19th March once you are back on College site.

Asymptomatic Testing

As previously explained, the government have introduced Lateral Flow testing for staff and students – you will be required to participate in this testing before you return on site. Initially, we will be required to oversee the first three Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests which you will administer ('self-swab'), each of these tests must be conducted between three and five days apart onsite, at College.

Tests will take place in the Sports hall (Worbarrow Building). You may be interested to watch this video on YouTube which explains in a little more detail how the test is administered – it is very simple and nothing to be worried about: [\(Link here\)](#)

Please note - given the staggered arrival of students for their first test, and the requirement that no student can resume face-to-face lessons until they have received a negative LFD test result, this means that lessons/lectures will resume **the day after** the initial test with **remote delivery** continuing on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th. On the day of their initial test:

- Students will be set consolidation work for completion at home.
- The testing area is located in the main sports hall, Worbarrow building, Cranford Avenue DT4 7LQ.
- We are unable to accommodate students on site who are waiting for their test slot, so please arrive on site no more than 10 mins before the chosen time, and leave site immediately after testing is completed.

Your Lateral Flow test schedule is outlined below:

- **1st Lateral Flow test Wednesday 10th March**
- **2nd Lateral Flow test Monday 15th March (5 days between tests)**
- **3rd Lateral Flow test Thursday 18th March (3 days between tests)**

In order to manage the programme of testing, and maintain the existing protocols for limiting contact between students and staff we need you book your slot for your 1st test using the below link:

[Book your 1st Test here \(Wednesday 10th March\)](#)

Positive LFD Test Result

If you identify as having a positive LFD test, you will be required to self-isolate for a period of 10 days as will those members of our community who have also been identified as 'close-contacts'. Members of the your household who test positive will also be required to self-isolate in line with current [guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection](#). You will also be required to take a PCR test, available from your usual local Covid-19 testing facilities.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please contact your tutor as soon as possible.