



The Sutton Academy  
Together Students Achieve

Principal: Mr Paul Willerton

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Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be aware, the academy has implemented a Covid-19 testing system onsite for all students and staff using the new/quicker tests known as 'lateral flow tests'.

Our original strategy was to test all students, who are continuing to access the onsite Critical Worker and 'vulnerable' student provision, to ensure that everyone who attends the academy is safe. You have already given your consent for your child to take part and therefore they have already been successfully tested twice.

Moving forward, and to ensure that we continue to safeguard the health of our students and staff onsite, we are now in a position to offer a weekly test to students who attend our onsite provision. As we have already received your consent for your child to be tested, you do not need to submit any further information. However, if you now decide that you do not want your child to take part in the planned weekly testing, please email us at [contact@thesuttonacademy.org.uk](mailto:contact@thesuttonacademy.org.uk) to withdraw your consent.

Those taking the test will be supervised by trained staff. The 'lateral flow tests' are quick and easy; using a swab of your nose and throat. Students will self-administer the test with guidance from staff.

Results (which take around half an hour from testing) will be shared directly with staff and students participating. Where participants are under 16, parents or legal guardians will also be informed.

Testing will continue to be offered free of charge.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully



Mr P Willerton  
Principal

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