



THE LONDON NAUTICAL SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carers,

Parental Testing Letter: 9 and 10

Thank you for recently completing a Covid -19 Asymptomatic Testing consent form on behalf of your child. I am writing to provide you with details of the first of the three tests they will be provided with in school over the next two weeks. This initial test will take place on **Monday 8th March 2021**.

To enable the testing to take place in a safe and secure manner all students have been placed into one of four groups allocated according to surname and year group. It is important that your child attends with the group they have been allocated and arrives within the designated times. Unfortunately we are unable to guarantee that we will be able to accommodate latecomers or those who attend the wrong slot.

For this first test, your child will only remain on the school site to be tested and then receive their result, before returning home. Whilst the test itself takes a matter of minutes, the results can take up to 30 minutes to process. This means that approximately 2 hours may pass between the first students entering, to the last one leaving the site. If you provided consent for your child after the Google Form cut-off of noon Tuesday 2nd March, but before 4.00pm Wednesday 3rd March, they will still be able to be tested on Monday although the process may take a little longer. Where consent has been received after 4.00pm Wednesday 3rd March we will be unable to accommodate your child on Monday but instead will contact you with details of alternative arrangements.

The timings for arrival and leaving the school site are as follows:

	Arrival Time	Anticipated latest Leaving Time
Year 9 - Group 1 Surname A to and including M	8.40am-9.00am	10.30am
Year 9 - Group 2: Surname L to including Z	10.15am-10.35am	12.00pm
Year 10 - Group 1: Surname A to and including M	11.50pm-12.10pm	1.25pm
Year 10 - Group 2 Surname L to including Z	1.25pm-1.45pm	3.00pm

On arrival to school, within the designated time slot, your child should enter through the main door on Stamford Street where their Head of Year will be on hand to begin the registration process. Students should

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arrive in school uniform and wear a face mask, unless exempt. Students who attend the ASC base, and who normally arrive via the Duchy Street entrance, should still do so on the day of their first test.

Whilst the test itself will be self-administered your child will be supported in doing so by the staff in our testing facility. All those involved have received the appropriate training.

The testing being provided is designed to identify asymptomatic cases of Covid 19. As such, it is important that your son should only undertake testing if he is well. If your child is displaying symptoms we will not be in a position to provide a test. In addition, your child should not take the test if they have tested positive for Covid in the last 90 days as this could lead to a false positive result.

If your child is showing symptoms associated with Covid 19, including a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste, they should not attend school to take an asymptomatic test. Instead they should immediately self-isolate, and book a test by calling 119 or visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

Results will be sent directly to you via the contact details you provided on the consent form. You will be notified by the NHS as we upload the results to their portal. If your child tests positive they will need to self-isolate for 10 days and follow the guidance from NHS Test and Trace.

If your child's test is negative they will be able to return to lessons next week with **Year 10 students returning on Wednesday 10th March 2021**, and **Year 9 on Thursday 11th March 2021**. If during this intervening period, they and/or other members of your household develop symptoms, or if they are identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for Covid, they should follow NHS guidance and self-isolate for the stipulated period. In such cases please inform the school of the situation.

The second of the three tests undertaken at school will take place for Years 9 and 10 on Thursday 11th March. Looking further ahead the third and final onsite test for your child will take place on Tuesday 16th March.

If you have any questions regarding the testing process please contact the school through admin@lms.org.uk and we will be happy to provide further clarification.

Yours sincerely

Mr. K Foley
Deputy Headteacher