

John Colet School
Year 7 (2021) - Consent form for Lateral Flow testing at John Colet School
Parent and Student Q&A

Schools have been asked by the Department of Education to conduct Lateral Flow Tests on students at the start of the 2021-22 academic year. For students who were attending in 2020-21 consent was obtained, but for students joining for the first time in September the school cannot conduct lateral flow testing on students without the consent of parents/carers.

This document summarises the emails received with answers which all parent/carers may find useful.

Emails sent to office@johncolet.co.uk by 08.08.21

Does this mean you perform the tests? I was led to believe we can complete these at home as your other students have been. My son can take hours to build up the courage to complete the test so therefore we would prefer to complete these at home where I can encourage and help with his anxiety.

The Department for Education (DfE) has asked schools to conduct tests in school as students return in September and after that we will issue students with kits to conduct the tests at home.

After having an in depth discussion with XX, I am writing to express that, I her father do not give consent for you or any other body to perform a lateral flow test on my daughter XX at any stage. I am fully aware that XX's mother, has given her consent for the lateral flow test, but as current law stands, both mother and father must give consent before any procedure can be carried out on their child. Many thanks for your understanding in this matter. Please can you confirm that XX will not be called for a test.

If one parent/carer refuses consent the school will not conduct the lateral flow tests.