



## **Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College**

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Dear Parent/carer

As we move towards the Saliva Testing for Covid 19 in school we are now at a stage to send home the packs you will need to conduct the tests.

Your packs will arrive home with your son or daughter in a white padded envelope. This will be open and not sealed as we have added some extra supplies for you.

**The packs will include:**

- 6 test tubes with lids
- 7 large plastic bags
- 7 small plastic bags
- 7 absorbing materials
- 1 plastic spoon
- 1 instruction booklet

If your pack is not complete please email Mr Tyreman at [g.tyreman@samuelcody.hants.sch.uk](mailto:g.tyreman@samuelcody.hants.sch.uk) who will send home the replacement parts. The link below is a video showing you how the test works.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4MF6powimwg>

You now have everything you need apart from the test barcodes. As soon as these arrive we will send them to you with a start date for the test. You will not get a text to remind you to take the test the first time from the University but after the first sample has been submitted you will get a text reminder the day before the test is due.

Our collection day has yet to be agreed but we expect it to be a Monday or Tuesday morning for samples with a second day in the week for anyone who forgets to bring a sample in. If you are not signed up for our Saliva testing program you can still be added. Email Mr Tyreman to be added to the list.

If you have any questions about any of our Covid testing programs which include, saliva, lateral flow testing in school and lateral flow testing at home please email Mr Tyreman.

Whilst we wait for the Saliva testing to begin we now have the facility to offer lateral flow home testing kits. If you would like to test your child at home please complete the form and return it. We expect to send out the packs the last week of term. Please note the ability to offer regular kits will depend on supplies and we may need to test in school at times when home kits are not available.

If you are worried about conducting tests at home then there will be the option for student to test in school still. We will continue with testing on lateral flow devices until our Saliva testing starts. To assist you with the testing we will be update the Covid 19 page on the school website.

Finally, did you know as parents you can test as well alongside your children? Use the link below to order home testing kits or search for local sites where you can collect them.

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Thanks again for engaging in all our programs and keeping the school safe.

Yours sincerely

Mr G Tyreman  
**Associate Senior Leader**

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Please complete and tick the following boxes.

Name:.....Tutor:.....

I would like to test my son/daughter at home until the Saliva test program starts

I would prefer to wait till the Saliva program starts

I would like my son / daughter to be tested but would prefer this to be done in school