

Frequently Asked Questions

What if a student tests positive?

Participating staff and students who test positive will be informed about their results individually. Where participants are under 16, parents or legal guardians will also be notified. Guidance on safe travel and additional precautions will be provided along with test results.

Students will need to take a further 'PCR test' (similar to those done in local and regional testing sites) on the same day (or as soon as possible). The Academy may be able to provide these PCR test kits to perform at home or you can go to www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or call 119 to book a follow-up test. If ordering a PCR test yourselves, you should choose to visit a drive-through test site if possible, as it is faster than requesting a home test.

During this time while waiting for the PCR result (via text / email) you will need to self-isolate.

If the PCR test returns a positive result you will have to self-isolate and follow the guidance from NHS Test and Trace.

What happens if the test is negative?

Students will be able to stay in school and resume their activities as normal. A student will only be informed of a positive "Lateral Flow Test" result. If you do not get a result you can assume the test was negative. A small number of students may need to repeat the test if the first test was invalid or void for some reason.

What if a "close contact" student at the Academy tests positive?

A close contact student of another student who has tested positive for COVID-19 will be able to return to the Academy if they agree to be tested once a day for seven days and these tests are negative. If they do not wish to take the test, they will need to self-isolate as per the national guidelines. This does not apply to household members or close contacts outside of Mounts Bay Academy who will still need to self-isolate. Further details will be provided at the time, but if parents of students would prefer them self-isolate instead of doing daily testing, please inform us.

What if my child develops symptoms?

This testing programme at Mounts Bay Academy is for only people showing no symptoms. If your child develops symptoms at any time (such as a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste) they must immediately self-isolate, and book a test by calling 119 or visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.