

Lateral Flow Testing (LFT) at Home

As you will be aware, you recently registered to take a LFT at home, twice a week, for the foreseeable future. The academy would like to thank you for agreeing to participate in this programme which will help to limit the spread of COVID-19.

This leaflet contains the information you need to know about the steps you must follow to administer the test correctly, how to report back the results and useful contacts should you have any questions or need any help at all.

Test kits

You will be provided with a number of individual testing kits by the academy for you to take home. Please ensure you inform the academy when you have only two tests left, as replacements may take a few days to arrive.

These testing kits are only to be used by staff and pupils. If other members of your household or bubble wish to take a test, then please ensure they visit the following website and read how to access home testing for themselves: <https://test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/order-lateral-flow-kits/condition>.

Taking the test

You need to follow the instructions included with the tests, which are similar to those you have been using when you were tested in school.

The recommended testing point in the week will be Monday evening and Friday evening. Using the Trinity MAT reporting app, described below, you will be reminded to take the test on each day.

IMPORTANT: the tests support either throat/nasal swabbing or double nasal swabbing, the latter you have used in school and public health advice is to continue to do the double nasal swabbing.

Reporting

You have to report the result of your test to the national reporting service using the link below: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>.

Please note you will need to have the following items to hand for online reporting:

- the barcode on the test strip or the ID number printed under it (the test strip is the part of the kit that shows your result)
- a mobile phone number so we can text you to confirm we've got your result

You can also phone the result of your test through to the national reporting and instructions are in the test kits pack.

You also have to report the result to your academy, so they have a record of the result too.

To assist with the ease of reporting, Trinity MAT has developed an app that can be used to record your home testing results quickly and easily if you have signed up to do so. To download and use the app, please follow the instructions below, or watch the YouTube video here: <https://youtu.be/Q11e5O5MgnU>

1. Open your mobile or your home computer (with a camera) device's app store. Whether that's the Apple App Store, or the Google Play store or the Microsoft Store.
2. Search for Power Apps in the app store and open the Power Apps store page. You can verify this is the correct app by checking that the app publisher is the 'Microsoft Corporation'. Download the app and then open it once the download is complete.



3. When you open the app, you will be prompted to sign in with your work or school email account. After entering your email account, you will be taken to the Trinity MAT sign-in portal. Simply sign in as usual with your school email address and password.
4. When prompted, ensure that you allow the application to send you push notifications, it is vital you enable these as they will send you notifications reminding you to take the test on a Monday and Friday evening.
5. Tap the 'All Apps' section to access the COVID Home Test App.
6. When you open the app, you will be presented with three options depending on your results; negative, positive, or inconclusive. The negative and inconclusive submissions are functionally the same. Simply select negative or inconclusive, tap the submit button and wait for the confirmation message.
7. When recording a positive test, click 'Positive' and then tap the submit button. When prompted to allow permission to your device's camera, ensure you enable this. The app will only ever use the camera so that you may take a picture of your test result in order to submit it.
8. Select which camera on your device you would like to use and then press the camera icon to take a picture. When you are happy that your test result is clear and readable, tap the green tick to proceed, or the red cross to take another picture.
9. Tap submit, and then your test result will be uploaded, and you will receive a confirmation notification that your result has been successfully submitted.

Please note, the next time you need to record a result, simply open the Power Apps app on your phone – it will remember your details from last time. You only need to take the test and record the results on a Monday and Friday evening.

If you have any questions around using the app, please contact the school IT team at - it@cathedral.trinitymat.org

If your question is related to the lateral flow testing, please contact the admin team at - contactus@cathedral.trinitymat.org