

# MADANI SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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Assalaamu 'Alaikum | (May His Peace, Mercy and Blessings be Upon You)

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

## CV-19 | Testing Arrangements | 2021-22 Entry

I am writing to you to provide you with key information regarding testing which reflect the latest Government guidance surrounding the start of the academic year 2021-22. We are very much aware of the continued presence of the virus and have attempted to reflect the continued need for vigilance in a balanced approach.

### Lateral Flow Testing

Based on Department for Education (DfE) guidelines, it is our intention to offer all students 2 on-site LFD (Lateral Flow Device) tests, 3 to 5 days apart, in the first 2 weeks upon their return in the autumn term before home test kits are subsequently provided.

Government research indicates that in the community up to one in three people who have COVID-19 can spread the virus without knowing. This is because they have nosymptoms – these are called 'asymptomatic cases'. To reduce the further spread of the virus and protect our community, we need to identify those who may be 'asymptomatic'. As you will be aware, this method of testing is to pick up asymptomatic cases and reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our community and within your families. Up to one-third of people who have COVID-19 are asymptomatic. By rapidly identifying and containing any asymptomatic cases, we can reduce the spread of transmission. Testing does not replace existing protective measures such as handwashing and any other systems of control.

### Consent

Please note that taking part in testing is voluntary and it not a requirement for students to have been tested in order to attend school. It is important to explain that testing can only be done with students who have parental or suitable consent.

It has been narrated that

**"The Muslim is the one from whose tongue and hand the people are safe, and the believer is the one from whom the people's lives and wealth are safe."** [Sunan an-Nasa'i]

Our faith teaches us that we must consider others as well as ourselves and our own families; therefore, all students and families are encouraged to take part. We can support our community by continuing to test at home via the Home-Self test kits.

You will also be able to indicate on the Consent form whether you:

- **give consent** for your child to take part or
- **do not consent** for your child to take part.

The consent form can be found via the following link: <http://bit.ly/msf-consent>

### Testing Arrangements

To ensure a safe return for all, each year group will return to school in a phased manner with each year group assigned a designated testing period on their first day of return to school. Students should arrive in their full uniform including Student ID and bring with them their normal A-Z equipment, and their PE kit on days they are scheduled Physical Education. The I.D card is critical to ensure a swift and accurate process of testing.

The tests will be conducted in the Sports Hall and staff will be present across the site. The LFD (Lateral Flow Device) test itself will be supervised by trained staff in appropriate PPE. The test is very quick and students will administer the test themselves with results normally returned within 30 minutes. Students will need to wait for the results and should bring with them a reading book and tasbeeh to positively make use of the time.

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Each student will be offered 2 on-site LFD (Lateral Flow Device) tests which will be 3 to 5 days apart as per the '**Testing Schedule | In School**' below:

2021-22 Attendance   In School					
Day/Date Year	Mon 23.08.21	Tues 24.08.21	Weds 25.08.21	Thurs 26.08.21	Fri 27.08.21
7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
8					✓
9				✓	✓
10			✓	✓	✓
11		✓	✓	✓	✓

2021-22 Testing Schedule   In School						
Day/Date Year	Mon 23.08.21	Tues 24.08.21	Weds 25.08.21	Thurs 26.08.21	Fri 27.08.21	Tues 31.08.21
7	Test 1			Test 2		
8					Test 1	Test 2
9				Test 1		Test 2
10			Test 1			Test 2
11		Test 1			Test 2	

✓ School Attendance required

Mon 23.08.21 – Fri 27.08.21: All Students **should arrive by 8.05am on their allocated test day** and 10.20am thereafter

Tues 31.08.21 – onwards: All Students **should arrive at 8.05am each day**

### Positive Cases

Anyone who tests positive using an LFD test will be required to arrange for a confirmatory follow-up PCR immediately at a local CV19 Test Centre. They must only leave home for their follow-up PCR test.

It remains essential that anyone who gets a positive LFD result self-isolates immediately for 10 days, as well as the other members of their household only.

For the fastest result, we suggest you book a PCR test at a test site; you can do this via the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> You can also book a home test online or call 119 to book a test.

### Home Self-test kits

Following the 2 on-site LFD tests, students will receive their 1<sup>st</sup> set of Home Self-test kits (7 Tests) and accompanying Home Self-test schedule on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021.




Students should continue to test twice weekly at home on a Wednesday evening and a Sunday evening. This is to maximize safety within school by ensuring that testing is done mid-week and before they return to school each week. This will be reviewed in September 2021 in line with Government policy.

### Face coverings

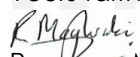
In line with previous control measures all students and staff will be required to continue to wear face coverings in school unless exempted. If your child is exempt from wearing a face covering and does not already have an exemption card issued by the school, please contact: [studentservices@madani.leicester.sch.uk](mailto:studentservices@madani.leicester.sch.uk)

If your child refuses to wear a face covering and does not have an exemption card, they will be subject to the normal school attitude to learning policy in terms of consequences. This may, in the interest of protecting their peers and the learning community, result in being sent home.

If you have any queries or require any further information or support, please contact Student Services:

-  <http://www.madani.leicester.sch.uk/>
-  0116 249 8080
-  [studentservices@madani.leicester.sch.uk](mailto:studentservices@madani.leicester.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully

  
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For **Safeguarding concerns** please contact [help@madani.leicester.sch.uk](mailto:help@madani.leicester.sch.uk)

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