



# The Henry Cort Community College

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Dear Parents/Carers

## **COVID update**

There are currently 42 students absent from college following a positive LFT, saliva or PCR test. This highlights the importance of twice weekly testing to help identify cases promptly and reduce the spread.

All students should participate in COVID-19 testing and are expected to arrive at college on a Monday and Thursday having either:

- brought in their saliva sample to hand to their tutor, or
- logged a negative lateral flow test (LFT) result on the TestRegister website.

New testing kits were distributed last week and barcodes will have been distributed by the end of this week. The saliva testing picks up cases earlier than a LFT and we strongly encourage all students to use this non-invasive method of testing.

We have been advised by Public Health England that the measures we have put in place are sufficient. We know that you may find the high number of cases concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England.

The college remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well and continue to test twice weekly. This is important with high level of positive cases currently being reported.

We have updated our [COVID absence guidance](#) following the latest changes to government guidance. This can be found on the COVID-19 page on our website.

If your child has recently joined us and would like to participate in the saliva testing programme, you can register on their behalf by contacting the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Salvia Testing team on 0808 1962 282. Once registered, barcodes will be sent to us to distribute accordingly. For more information about the programme visit their website: <https://www.hiowsalivatest.nhs.uk/>

Many thanks for your continued support as we strive to keep students and staff safe and the college fully open.

Yours sincerely

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