ATLP COVID-19: Secondary School Testing Risk Assessment – Summary of Updates

DATE CHANGE APPLIED	HEADING	CHANGES APPLIED		
27/1/21	Risk of transmission of COVID-19 from Contact between subject and sampler:	 Following receipt of a positive LFD will require a confirmatory PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test in accordance with current public health guidance. PCR tests will not be conducted on the school site both students and staff will leave the school site and immediately self-isolate as per public health advice. obtain their own PCR test from an NHS testing centre. 		
27/1/21	Consent required for all students before undertaking testing.	 Staff can participate in the twice Weekly Routine Testing program on a voluntary basis. Staff will be encouraged to take an LFD test regardless of whether they have tested positive previously to Covid-19 as this is a good indicator of high viral load, and therefore infectiousness. Staff will have however, completed a period of isolation before returning to school. Participation in Close Contact Serial Testing is not mandatory but close contacts of a positive cases will be required to self-isolate and not attend site for 10 days in line with PHE guidance if they do not participate in testing. Staff will be aware that written consent off them is not required for any testing, be that the Mass Testing Program, the twice Weekly Routine Testing or Close Contact Serial Testing therefore consent is implied by attendance for any test. Upon identification of a positive LFT result, the contacts of this individual will be identified and instructed to self-isolate. 		
25 th February 2021 (in light of new guidance)	No changes			
31st March 2021 (in light of new guidance)	Risk of transmission of COVID-19 from Contact between subject and sampler:	 Following receipt of a positive LFD test both students and staff will leave the school site and immediately self-isolate as per public health advice. Following receipt of a positive LFD test both students and staff will leave the school site, book a confirmatory PCR test within two days at a local test centre and immediately self-isolate as per public health advice. 		