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UVHS Appeal

Good afternoon,

May I introduce myself. My name is Alessandra Desbottes and I am Deputy Headteacher at Ulverston Victoria High School. I am writing to ask for your help.

As you will be aware the Prime Minister has laid out plans for the return of all students to school during the week beginning Monday 8th March. As part of this return, we are obliged to test all children using Lateral Flow Tests. This is part of the process of ensuring that the return to school is as safe as possible.

This is a complex logistical exercise and in order to complete this safely and efficiently we will run a rolling programme for students to return to school that week. We will continue the testing the following week (w.b. Monday March 15th) to ensure students have their subsequent tests and also to ensure they are capable of moving on to home testing.

As you will appreciate this gives us some challenges, chief amongst which is the need to recruit volunteers and for them to be trained to manage the testing process. We will have to carry out something in the order of 2,000 such tests in the first week as the children return and a similar number the week after. Therefore I am asking for volunteers from amongst our community to assist us.

If you are available to support us, please complete the online form by following this link: <https://www.uvhs.uk/lft-volunteers>

Testing involves the following roles:

Quality Lead/ Team Leader	Responsible for the overall on-site operations at the test site, including day-to-day workforce management. Ensure quality assurance, incidents, risks mitigation across the testing service.	COVID-19 Coordinator	Signs off and schedules testing activities; ensuring communications and consents are actioned; management of positive cases as per school and college guidelines.
Test Assistant	Provides guidance and supervision to subjects on swabbing as requested. Collects completed swabs and pass them to the Processor. Ensures cleaning of swabbing desks.	Registration Assistant	Responsible for ensuring subjects have registered and distributing test kits on arrival. Ensures orderly entry of subjects onto the testing site.
Processor	Prepares test sample for analysis, conducts processing of LFD and interprets result. Provides results to Results Recorder. Ensures cleaning of processing desks.	Results Recorder	Collates results from Processor and uploads to the NHS Test and Trace service. Further details on the process for using this service will be provided separately.
		Cleaner	Cleans the testing desks, and ensures waste is correctly disposed of, including working with clinical waste provider to dispose of clinical waste.

The roles we need support with are: Test Assistant, Processor and Student Supervisor (to help manage queuing and waiting areas.). Test assistants require a valid DBS check but the other roles do not. Children who need support to administer the swab will be tested by the school nurse. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Any volunteers will need to complete an online training module, which will take no more than 30 minutes, then bring their certificate into school. If you register your interest, we will provide all the information required to do this. We also intend to invite volunteers into school on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th March so they can observe the testing process being carried out by our staff on other colleagues and familiarise themselves with the areas of the school where testing will take place.

I thank you in anticipation of your support.

Best wishes
Alessandra Desbottes
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