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COVID – 19 TESTING January 2021

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Dear Parents,

The Government has asked that all schools participate in the COVID-19 Mass Testing programme for school staff and pupils. The mass testing is carried out using the Lateral Flow Device test. Testing is important because staff and pupils without symptoms could be carrying the virus and may spread it to others. Testing those staff and pupils who are on site will support the school in operating as safely as possible.

New, simple and quick tests, known as Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests, enable us to rapidly test pupils and staff, without the need for a laboratory.

The test requires the individual to swab their own throat and nose, under the supervision of a testing assistant. The swab is then analysed with a negative or positive result achieved within 20 to 30 minutes. A quick guide to the test can be found at the end of this letter,

The school is currently open to selected pupils, largely where parents are critical key workers. It is intended to roll out the testing programme to pupils attending school first, commencing on Monday 11th January with our Year 7 pupils. To maintain school bubbles we will then aim to test the Year 8 on Tuesday, Year 9 on Wednesday and Y10 and Y11 on Thursday. We will then repeat the tests starting with Year 7 from Friday. Pupils attending school on that day will be invited to attend for a test during one of their lessons. It will only be possible for pupils to be tested when parental consent has been given.

The tests will be recorded and tracked using the NHS test and trace system. The test results will be emailed / sent by text message to the email address and phone number provided. It is therefore important that parents ensure that we hold the correct contact details that they wish to be used for results to be reported. This

requires a separate consent form to be completed. The updated privacy statement makes it clear that this information will be shared with the NHS to allow them to meet their test and trace responsibilities. The consent form is attached and must be returned to the school before testing can take place.

Once reported to the NHS track and trace system the school is unable to access the data that they hold. We will, however, keep a separate, school record of tests and results for up to one month after the testing programme concludes. Your permission is required for your child to undertake one of these voluntary tests. They do not have to do it; not doing a test does not affect their ability to come into school. If a pupil who has been given parental consent does not then wish to undertake the test, on the day, then we will respect their choice and not administer the test. A pupil refusing a test does not affect their attendance at school.

If you wish to consent to your child having the test, once you have read the privacy notice – then please complete the attached consent form, sign and ensure it is returned by your child to school. It should be placed in the COVID Testing Consent Form box at Reception.

If the test is negative, then the pupils can return to class straightaway. If a pupil tests as positive, then we will contact you and ask for you to collect your child. The pupil then must isolate at home. You will be given a PCR home test kit to allow you to conduct the more reliable PCR test with your child at home. If the result of the PCR test is positive, then they must self-isolate for at least 10 days. If the PCR test is negative, then they can return to school.

Just a reminder that if you suspect you or anyone in your family has symptoms then you should use the NHS test system available online at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> and isolate at home until tested.

Ian Pickles
Business Manager

HOW TO DO YOUR TEST

WHILE THIS IS A SELF-SWAB TEST, THERE WILL BE A TESTING HELPER WHO WILL OVERSEE THINGS AND PROVIDE HELP IF YOU NEED

1



YOUR COVID-19 TEST WILL BE SCHEDULED. IF YOU ARE UNDER 16, YOUR PARENT / CARER WILL HAVE CONSENTED

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YOUR TEST WILL BE FAST AND WHILE IT MIGHT FEEL A LITTLE UNCOMFORTABLE, IT WON'T HURT YOU

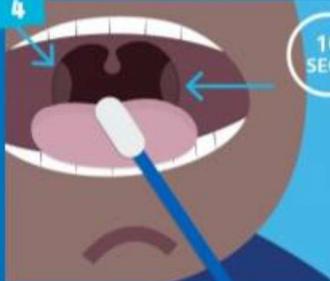


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BLOW YOUR NOSE IF NEEDED. WASH AND DRY/SANITISE YOUR HANDS. REMOVE THE SWAB BEING CAREFUL NOT TO TOUCH THE SOFT PART

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10 SECS

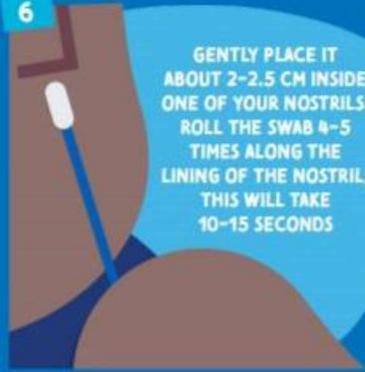
OPEN YOUR MOUTH WIDE AND USE A MIRROR TO LOOK AT THE BACK OF YOUR THROAT, THEN USE THE SWAB TO RUB FIRMLY 4 TIMES ON EACH SIDE

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REMOVE THE SWAB CAREFULLY WITHOUT TOUCHING YOUR TEETH, TONGUE OR GUMS

6



GENTLY PLACE IT ABOUT 2-2.5 CM INSIDE ONE OF YOUR NOSTRILS. ROLL THE SWAB 4-5 TIMES ALONG THE LINING OF THE NOSTRIL, THIS WILL TAKE 10-15 SECONDS

7

AFTER THIS, YOU'RE DONE, GENTLY REMOVE THE SWAB BEING CAREFUL NOT TO LET ANYTHING TOUCH THE TIP

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YOUR SWAB CAN THEN BE PLACED IN A TUBE FOR TESTING, THIS TAKES ABOUT 30 MINUTES



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YOUR SCHOOL / COLLEGE WILL CONTACT YOU OR YOUR PARENT / CARER WITH THE RESULTS AND LET YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS NEXT