



Re CV 19: NHS Test and Trace: COVID-19 testing for Pupils in school

Dear Parent/ Carer,

The Department for Education (DfE) announced that pupils in schools will be able to access free COVID-19 testing from the week commencing 4 January 2021. The purpose of this correspondence is to forward information we have received from this department on testing for those without COVID-19 symptoms, along with seeking consent for testing.

In addition to safety measures we are taking in school, it is deemed these tests will help pupils and employees to remain in school safely. Central Government have announced that up to one third of people who have coronavirus experience no symptoms. Therefore, their intent is to help to stop the virus spread and help keep our school open as safely as possible.

I would be grateful if you could **complete this questionnaire by Wednesday 6th January** in order for us to start the testing process quickly. It is essential you **complete this questionnaire separately for any child you have at the school.**

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=6XXbL0KpLE-KkTGqDuXuSvk_ssBL6rtMvoUQHCCow4JUN1U5T1BBRUprUzIxNDIOQjcwRFXRDFBNCQIQCN0PWcu

Best endeavours will be made to commence testing all employees and Secondary phase pupils who want to participate during week commencing 4 January 2021 - subject to receiving testing kits, training materials, operating guidance and PPE from the DfE. Your cooperation in completing this consent/ registration quickly will enable the school in planning to proceed, in line with your wishes, as we will not be undertaking any testing without consent.

May I take this opportunity to pass on our sincere thanks to all those members of our school community who have contacted us offering support with this process. If there are any further parents or carers who could offer support please do contact me at the school.

Just a reminder that on line learning commences for ALL pupils at 8.55am on Tuesday 5th January. If you have any difficulty accessing the lessons do let us know immediately. Before Christmas we used the on line survey you completed to allocate SIM cards and laptops to families who might find accessing work difficult. If your situation has changed please contact us at school immediately so we can support you.

Thank you for your ongoing support and patience in these difficult times.

Yours sincerely,

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