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### **NHS Test and Trace: COVID-19 testing for students**

Dear Parent or guardian,

We are working to keep our school as safe as possible. You may have heard that testing for those without coronavirus symptoms is beginning across the country using new, quicker COVID-19 tests known as 'lateral flow tests'.

Whilst the government have announced a further lockdown, we are continuing to undertake preparation and planning for the administering of the rapid LFD testing for staff and pupils that continue to be in school and also in readiness for when all pupils eventually return.

Along with the other protective measures we are taking, these tests will help staff and students to remain in school safely. Up to one third of people who have coronavirus experience no symptoms. By testing we will help to stop the virus spread and help to keep our school open as safely as possible. The test is voluntary, but I would encourage everyone to take it.

We will be testing all staff and students who are currently attending school and who want to participate as soon as possible and anticipate that this will continue when all pupils eventually return. I enclose the Government instructional leaflet with some more information along with the necessary Privacy Notice and Data Protection Frequently Asked Questions document.

If you are happy for your child to be tested, please complete the digital form by clicking on the link below. We would be grateful if you could complete the form at your earliest opportunity regardless of whether your child will be attending school or not during the lockdown period to enable the school to complete its preparations for testing when the school eventually fully re-opens.

[https://forms.office.com/Pupil Consent form for testing at Campion School](https://forms.office.com/Pupil%20Consent%20form%20for%20testing%20at%20Campion%20School)

For parents of pupils in Years 12 and 13, the pupils have been contacted separately about this with a digital consent link and can complete the form themselves, having discussed participation with their parent/guardian if under 18.

Those taking the test will be supervised by trained staff. The 'lateral flow' tests are quick and easy using a swab of your nose and throat. For under 18s, staff can oversee the swab process.

Results (which take around half an hour from testing) will be shared directly with staff and pupils participating. Where participants are under 16, parents or legal guardians will also be informed.

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### **What if a pupil tests positive?**

Participating staff and pupils who test positive will be informed about their results individually. Where participants are under 16, parents or legal guardians will also be notified. Guidance on safe travel and additional precautions will be provided along with test results.

Pupils will need to take a further 'PCR test' (similar to those done in local and regional testing sites) on the same day (or as soon as possible). Please go to [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test) or call 119 to book a follow-up test. You should choose to visit a drive-through test site if possible, as it is faster than requesting a home test.

During this time while they wait for the PCR result (via text / email) they will need to self-isolate.

If the PCR test returns a positive result you will have to self-isolate and follow the guidance from NHS Test and Trace.

### **What happens if the test is negative?**

They will be able to stay in school and resume their activities as normal. A pupil will only be told if they test positive on a 'lateral flow' test, so if you do not hear you can assume it was negative. A small number of pupils may need to repeat the test if the first test was invalid or void for some reason.

### **What if a close contact at school tests positive?**

A close contact of someone in school who has tested positive for COVID-19 will be able to return to school if they agree to be tested once a day for 7 days and the test is negative. If they do not want to take the test, they will need to self-isolate as per the national guidelines. This does not apply to household members or close contacts outside of school who will still need to self-isolate. Further details will be provided at the time, but if you would prefer to self-isolate instead of doing daily testing, you can.

### **What if my child develops symptoms?**

This testing programme at school is for people with no symptoms. If your child develops symptoms at any time (such as a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste) they must immediately self-isolate, and book a test by calling 119 or visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

We will support our staff and pupils throughout, but please contact us if you need any further information or if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully



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