



29<sup>th</sup> December 2020

## NHS Test and Trace: Student COVID-19 testing

**CONSENT REQUIRED BY 4PM ON FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2021**

Dear Parent/carer

I hope you and your family have had a good Christmas break.

Further to my end of term letter regarding the new nationwide Covid-19 testing please note the important information regarding the process and consent form below.

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 have been asked to encourage everyone to take it.

If you provide consent, you will be informed by the school as soon as possible of the date and time that your child will be tested at the school site. We will be testing all staff and students who want to participate commencing 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

If you are happy for your child to be tested, please log in to Edulink at <http://cgss.co/edulink> and complete the consent form which can be found under the forms icon. **One consent form is required per student – please switch between your children in EduLink to complete the forms. Consent forms must be completed by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 at 4pm.**

- The 'lateral flow' tests are quick and easy, using a throat and nasal swab.
- Children will take their own swabs, supervised by trained staff.
- Tests will not be undertaken on children who do not wish to take part on the day.
- You and your child will only be informed of a positive result; you will not be informed of a negative result.
- If an inconclusive result is obtained, then the test will be repeated.

In validation studies conducted by Oxford University and Public Health England, these tests were shown to be as accurate in identifying a case as a PCR test (99.68% specificity). The tests have lower sensitivity but they are better at picking up cases when a person has higher viral load, hence the need to test frequently.

Testing will be offered free of charge.

### What if a student's tests positive?

- Participating students 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 a positive test result.
- Students will need to take a further 'PCR test' on the same day (or as soon as possible). To book this test go to [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test) or call 119. When booking a PCR test yourselves, choose to visit a drive-through test site if possible, as it is faster than requesting a home test.
- During this time while waiting for the PCR result the student and all members of the household will need to self-isolate.
- If the PCR test returns a positive result the student and all members of the household will have to self-isolate and follow the guidance from NHS Test and Trace.

- Please inform the school if the PCR test result is positive by calling 01628 629415 and choosing option 2 or email [enquiries@coxgreen.com](mailto:enquiries@coxgreen.com)

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

- The student will be able to stay in school and resume their activities as normal.
- A student and parent will only be told if the test is positive on a 'lateral flow' test, so if you do not hear you can assume it was negative.
- A small number of students 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.

#### **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>.

#### **Sixth Formers**

- Students in year 12, 13 and 14 will be asked to consent again on the day.

#### **Privacy Notice**

In line with data protection legislation we have published a privacy notice specifically for the testing process which can be found <http://cgss.co/cv19privacynotice>

I would like to thank you for your ongoing support with the unprecedented situation we all face. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact us on: [enquiries@coxgreen.com](mailto:enquiries@coxgreen.com)

Best wishes

**Cathrin Thomas**  
**Headteacher**

## 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

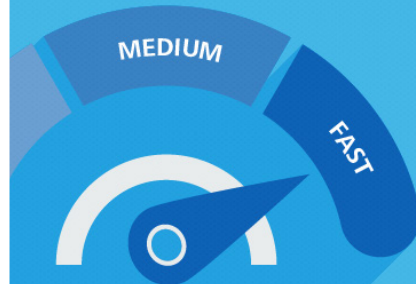
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YOUR COVID-19 TEST WILL BE SCHEDULED. IF YOU ARE UNDER 16, YOUR PARENT / CARER WILL HAVE CONSENTED

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

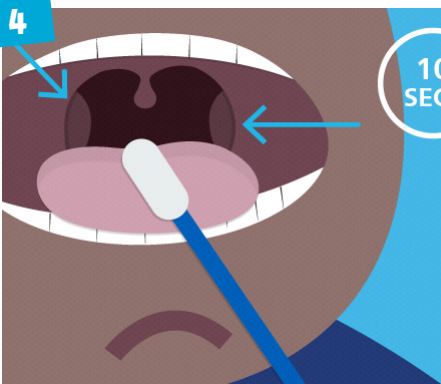


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BLOW YOUR NOSE IF NEEDED. WASH AND DRY/SANITISE YOUR HANDS. REMOVE THE SWAB BEING CAREFUL NOT TO TOUCH THE SOFT PART

4



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

5

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

8

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