



# St. Edward's Church of England Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## NHS Test and Trace: COVID-19 testing for Pupils

We are working to keep our Academy community as safe as possible. You may have heard that testing for those without coronavirus symptoms is available for all Secondary Age pupils (Years 7 & 8) at the start of the Spring Term. There will be one on-site lateral flow test taken by the pupils. The use of Home Tests should continue over the Christmas Break and throughout the Spring Term. The **test will be on-site but the pupils go home after the test**, this will take place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Along with the other protective measures we are taking, these tests will help staff and pupils 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 Academy community open as safely as possible. The test is voluntary, but I would encourage everyone to take it.

An instructional leaflet along with other Covid-19 information can be found on the Academy website here:

<https://www.stedwards.academy/pastoral/covid-19-guidance>

If you are happy for your child to be tested, and you have NOT yet completed the consent form please do so using the link that can be found here (if you have previously completed this we will assume consent still remains, unless we have it in writing that you have withdrawn your consent):

<https://forms.office.com/r/VumwMeUSNP>

### What if a pupil tests positive?

Participating pupils who test positive will be informed about their results individually. Where participants are under 16, parents or legal guardians will be notified.

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). Go to [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test) or call 119 to book a follow-up test. If ordering a PCR test yourselves, they 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 may need to self-isolate and follow the guidance from NHS Test and Trace:

<https://www.nhs.uk> When to self-isolate and what to do - Coronavirus (COVID-19) - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

### What happens if the test is negative?

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.



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## What if my child develops symptoms?

This testing programme at the Academy 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 (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) or 0300 303 2713 (Scotland) or visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

### Arrangements for pupil testing

#### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – Year 8

8 Edward	09:00 a.m.
8 Elgar	09:20 a.m.
8 Isaac	09:40 a.m.
8 Newton	10:00 a.m.
8 Florence	10:20 a.m.
8 Nightingale	10:40 a.m.
7 Edward	11:30 p.m.
7 Elgar	11:50 p.m.
7 Isaac	12:10 p.m.
7 Newton	12:30 p.m.
7 Florence	12:50 p.m.
7 Nightingale	13:10 p.m.

Since the pupils are familiar with the tests I am hoping that we will be able to meet the times above, however please note that they are approximate timings for each tutor group and there could be a slight delay. Can parents/carers who are dropping off please wait while their child is tested as they will be able to leave straight after their test. These pupils will be able to attend for their test in their home clothes, they may wish to wear a face mask. Pupils please walk up the main drive and go to the marquee at the front of school.

Yours sincerely,



Mr T Hutchinson  
Principal