

Edward Peake C of E (VC) Middle School

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Dear Parent/Carer

NHS Test and Trace: COVID-19 testing for staff and KS3 pupils

We are working hard to keep Edward Peake Middle School as safe as possible.

To help us keep everyone safe, we'll be offering rapid coronavirus testing to all KS3 pupils. Pupils will be asked to take three coronavirus tests at school, with 3 to 5 days between each test. Test results will take about 30 minutes to process.

Pupils can return to school after their first negative result. If at any point they test positive, they will need to self-isolate in line with government guidance.

Testing is voluntary, and you will need to give consent for it to be carried out. However, we strongly encourage your child to take part so we can help prevent the spread of coronavirus.

If your child is not participating in testing, they should attend school as usual.

After the 3 initial tests at school, pupils will be offered coronavirus tests that they should take twice a week at home. Further information regarding home testing will be issued over the coming weeks.

Along with the other protective measures we are taking, these tests will help staff and Year 7 and 8 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 school open as safely as possible.

An instructional leaflet is enclosed for further information and a privacy statement regarding the use of personal data. A video demonstration of the testing procedure will be issued to parents and carers next week

If you are happy for your child to be tested, please fill in the consent form via the Google form link in the email sent along with this letter. You should complete a form for each Year 7 or 8 pupil you have at Edward Peake. Please ensure you have read the terms of consent document before completing the form. **The consent form will close to parents/carers at 5.00pm on Thursday 4 March 21**

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. Please note only positive test results will be shared with parents and carers.

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.



We know these tests work - in validation studies conducted by Oxford University and Public Health England, they 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.

The first test will take place on Sunday 7 March 2021. A document is enclosed providing full details of the testing procedure. Further tests will take place in school on Friday 12 March and Wednesday 17 March 2021.

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 that test positive 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). We will be able to provide these PCR test kits to perform at home or you can go to 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 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/college tests positive?

A close contact of someone in school/college 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 Edward Peake 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 visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Z J Linington', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Miss Z J Linington
Headteacher

TEST 1-Sunday 7 March 21

- Entry is via the KS3 gate. You will be directed to the clinic which is based in F3 and F4.
- Entry to the clinic is via the Elgar door.
- Please do not bring any food or drink to the testing clinic.
- Mobile phones need to be turned off when you enter the school site.
- Pupils should be wearing masks as they enter the site and in the clinic.
- Parents and carers will not be permitted to enter the clinic. Parking will be available. Parents must remain in cars at all times.

F3

Time of arrival	Form group	Pupils
11.00am	8MDI	Surnames A-G
11.30am	8DMI	Surnames H-Z
12.00pm	8LB	Surnames A-G
12.30pm	8LB	Surnames H-Z
1.00pm	7HO	Surnames A-G
1.30pm	7HO	Surnames H-Z
2.00pm	7GG	Surnames A-G
2.30pm	7GG	Surnames H-Z
3.00pm	7AR	Surnames A-G
3.30pm	7AR	Surnames H-Z

F4

Time of arrival	Form group	Pupils
11.00am	8AC	Surnames A-G
11.30am	8AC	Surnames H-Z
12.00pm	8GP	Surnames A-G
12.30pm	8GP	Surnames H-Z
1.00pm	8DE	Surnames A-G
1.30pm	8DE	Surnames H-Z
2.00pm	7MD	Surnames A-G
2.30pm	7MD	Surnames H-Z
3.00pm	7MR	Surnames A-G
3.30pm	7MR	Surnames H-Z

Data Protection Frequently Asked Question for parents – COVID testing in Schools and Colleges.

How can you use my child's data? What is the difference between consenting to the test and consenting to you using my child's data?

You will need to give medical consent for your child to take the test (if they are under 16), If you want your child to be tested, you will also need to understand that as part of testing we process their personal data. This processing of their data is allowed under data protection legislation, known as UKGDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018.

We are responsible for the processing of the test and ensuring all the personal data relating to the test is properly managed in accordance with their legal obligations.

Before we can use any personal data in the administration of taking the test and processing the results, we must tell you the lawful basis for why it is necessary to process personal data and it must be in one of 6 reasons which are allowed in UK data protection legislation. For the purpose of COVID-19 we are using Public Task where it is necessary to process personal data to ensure we meet our obligations in education legislation to safeguard and promote the wellbeing of pupils.

Public Health legislation also allows the sharing of personal data with DHSC, Local Government, Test and Trace and the NHS.

You can find details of the specific legislation in the privacy notice or ask your school's data protection officer for more details [email address of DPO].

What Personal Data will you be asking for?

When you register for a test you need to provide us with your child's

- Name
- Date of birth
- Gender
- Home postcode
- Email address
- Mobile number
- Name of Parent or Guardian

This allows us to register your child for a test and to process the results. Once your child is registered for a test they will be assigned a unique barcode which will be used to identify the test without the need for sharing a lot of personal data.

Once the test has been completed, we will also record the results.

Do you process any personal data if I refuse the test?

We will record that you have been offered and rejected a test so that we do not keep asking you to agree to a test. **We will not tell any unauthorised person**

that is not directly involved in the recording of tests who has refused a test. Schools and Colleges will not share refusals with other parents or pupils.

What Personal Data is used in getting test results?

We will use the personal data you provided when you register your child for the test to send the result to the named parents/guardians of children who test positive for coronavirus on the day of the test. You will not be informed of a negative test

If you test positive, you will be offered a further test of a different kind (called a PCR test) positive to confirm that your test result and details for this will be sent by email/and or text to parents/legal guardians within 24-48 hours of the test by the NHS.

Who are results shared with?

In the event of a positive result, in addition to sharing with the parent/guardian We will only share the result with appropriate contacts such as the head teacher and named nominated person in the school to allow us to start their own COVID isolation processes. **We will not tell any unauthorised person (that is anyone not involved in the recording of test results) who has received a positive result. Schools and Colleges will not share positive results with other parents or pupils.**

In the event of a negative result, We will only share the result with appropriate contacts such as the head teacher and named nominated person. **We will not tell any unauthorised person (that is anyone not involved in the recording of test results) who has received a negative result. Schools and Colleges will not share negative results with other parents or pupils.**

All results - both positive and negative - are shared by us with the Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC).

DHSC will share results with the NHS to offer advice and support. Results will also be sent to your GP so they can support you. If you have tested positive, a notification will be sent to Public Health England to enable them to contact people who have been in close contact with your child

Will you tell people connected with my child if they have had a test?

No. We will not tell anyone that is not directly involved with administering the test who has had a test and who has not had a test, or what any of the result

If we have to advise other parents that their child has to isolate due to another receiving a positive test, we will not identify any individual positive results and you do not have any rights to know who may have tested positive.

Will my child's personal data be used for research and statistical purposes?

Yes. However, data used for research and statistical purposes by DHSC/NHS will not use any personal data that can identify your child. Aggregate level data that will not identify individuals will be used. This is lawful under UK data protection legislation.

How will my child's data be used?

Your child's details will be used to complete testing. As part of testing, details of pupils and their parents or guardians, as well as staff, may be used for:

- registering your child and recording their participation in the testing
- matching your child's contact details with health data stored by the NHS
- communicating with you about testing
- contacting you if you are the parent or guardian of someone who is participating in the Programme
- contacting you with your child's test results by text message/email
- contacting you relating to your child's positive or inconclusive result to collect other medical information about your child's health relating to COVID-19
- phoning you to gather feedback to inform improvements that could be made to a full end-to-end testing process.

How long will my child's data be kept for?

We will keep the data used for testing for up to 14 days.

Your child's information will be passed on to the DHSC who will share this information with NHS who will keep it for as long as it is required to provide your child with direct care and to support NHS initiatives to fight COVID-19.

Information held for direct care purposes are stored in line with the Records Management Code of Practice for Health and Social Care 2016. This means such information will be held for up to 8 years before it is deleted.

Edward Peake Middle School– COVID-19 Testing Privacy Statement

Ownership of the Personal Data

To enable the Covid-19 testing to be completed at Edward Peake Middle School, we need to process personal data for staff and pupils taking part, including sharing of personal data where we have a legal obligation. Edward Peake Middle School is the Data Controller for the data required for processing the tests and undertaking any actions which are needed by the school / college to ensure we meet our public health and safeguarding legal obligations.

Personal data relating to tests for pupils Section 175 of the Education Act 2002 for maintained schools

If you decline a test, we record your decision under the legitimate interest of school in order to have a record of your decisions and to reduce unnecessary contact with you regarding testing.

The processing of special category personal data is processed under the provisions Section 9.2(i) of GDPR, where it is in the public interest on Public Health Grounds. This data is processed under the obligations set out in Public Health legislation (Regulations 3(1) and (4) of the Health Service (Control of Patient Information) Regulations 2002 (COPI)) which allows the sharing of data for COVID related purposes and where it is carried out by [a health care professional **OR** someone who owes an equivalent duty of confidentiality to that data]

Data Controllershship is then passed to the Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) for all data that we transfer about you and your test results to them. For more information about what they do with your data please see the Test and Trace [Privacy Notice](#). The establishment remains the Data Controller for the data we retain about you.

Personal Data involved in the process

We use the following information to help us manage and process the tests:

- Name
- Date of birth (and year group)
- Gender
- Ethnicity
- Home postcode
- Email address
- Mobile number
- Unique barcode assigned to each individual test and which will become the primary reference number for the tests
- Test result
- Parent/guardians contact details (if required)

We will only use information that is collected directly from you specifically for the purpose of the tests, even if you have previously provided us with this information.

How we store your personal information

The information will only be stored securely on local spreadsheets in school/college whilst it is needed. It will also be entered directly onto DHSC digital services for the NHS Test and Trace purposes. Schools/colleges will not have access to the information on the digital service once it has been entered.

Processing of Personal Data Relating to Positive test results

The member of staff, pupil, student or parent (depending on contact details provided) will be informed of the result by the school/college and advised how to book a confirmatory test.

We will use this information to enact their own COVID isolation processes without telling anyone who it is that has received the positive test.

The information will be transferred to DHSC, who will share this with the NHS, GPs. PHE and the Local Government will use this information for wider test and trace activities as well as statistical and research purposes.

This information is processed and shared under obligations set out in Public Health legislation under Regulations 3(1) and (4) of the Health Service (Control of Patient Information) Regulations 2002 (COPI) which allows the sharing of data for COVID related purposes.

This information will be kept by the school/college for up to 14 days and by the NHS for 8 years.

Processing of Personal Data Relating to Negative test results

We will record a negative result and the information transferred to DHSC, NHS. PHE and the Local Government who will use the information for statistical and research purposes.

This information is processed and shared under obligations set out in Public Health legislation under Regulations 3(1) and (4) of the Health Service (Control of Patient Information) Regulations 2002 (COPI) which allows the sharing of data for COVID related purposes.

This information will be kept by the school/college for up to 14 days and by the NHS for 8 years.

Processing of Personal Data relating to declining a test

We will record that you have declined to participate in a test and this information will not be shared with anyone.

Data Sharing Partners

The personal data associated with test results will be shared with

- DHSC, NHS, PHE – to ensure that they can undertake the necessary Test and Trace activities and to conduct research and compile statistic about Coronavirus.
- Your GP – to maintain your medical records and to offer support and guidance as necessary
- Local Government to undertake local public health duties and to record and analyse local spreads.

Your Rights

Under data protection law, you have rights including:

Your right of access - You have the right to ask us for copies of your personal information.

Your right to rectification - You have the right to ask us to rectify personal information you think is inaccurate. You also have the right to ask us to complete information you think is incomplete.

Your right to erasure - You have the right to ask us to erase your personal information in certain circumstances.

Your right to restriction of processing - You have the right to ask us to restrict the processing of your personal information in certain circumstances.

Your right to object to processing - You have the the right to object to the processing of your personal information in certain circumstances.

Your right to data portability - You have the right to ask that we transfer the personal information you gave us to another organisation, or to you, in certain circumstances.

You are not required to pay any charge for exercising your rights. If you make a request, we have one month to respond to you.

Please contact us at [insert email address, phone number and or postal address of school / college's DPO] if you wish to make a request.

How to complain

If you have any concerns about our use of your personal information, you can make a complaint to us at [Insert your organisation's contact details for data protection queries].

You can also complain to the ICO if you are unhappy with how we have used your data.

The ICO's address:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Helpline number: 0303 123 1113

Consent form for COVID-19 testing in secondary schools, middle schools and colleges

Introduction

This consent form is for participation in tests designed to detect asymptomatic coronavirus cases. Anyone experiencing symptoms should follow [government guidelines to self-isolate](#), even if they have had a recent negative lateral flow test.

Consent relates to the following groups of students/pupils and staff as follows:

- **For pupils and students younger than 16 years** - this form must be completed by the parent or legal guardian. Please complete one consent form for each child you wish to participate in testing.

Terms of consent

1. I have had the opportunity to consider the information provided by the school/college about the testing, ask questions and have had these answered satisfactorily, based on the information presented in the letter dated (26/02/2021) and the attached Privacy Notice.
2. In the case of under 16s, I have discussed the testing with my child and my child is happy to participate. If on the day of testing they do not wish to take part, then they will not be made to do so and consent can be withdrawn at any time ahead of the test.
3. I consent to my child having a nose and throat swab for lateral flow tests. My child will self-swab. In the case of under 16s or pupils who are not able to provide informed consent, I have discussed the testing with my child and they are happy to participate and self-swab (with assistance if required).
4. I understand that there may be multiple tests required and this consent covers all tests for the below named person. If, on the day of testing they do not wish to take part, then I understand they will not be made to do so and that consent can be withdrawn at any time ahead of the test.
5. I consent that my / my child's sample(s) will be tested for the presence of COVID-19.
6. I understand that if my child's result(s) are negative on the lateral flow test I will not be contacted by the school/college except where they are a close contact of a confirmed positive.
7. If the lateral flow test indicates the presence of COVID-19, I consent to my child having a nose and throat swab for confirmatory PCR testing. They will follow the instructions on the PCR Kit to return the test the same day to an NHS Test & Trace laboratory.
8. If the lateral flow test indicates the presence of COVID-19, I commit to ensuring that my child is removed from school premises as promptly as possible, bearing in mind they may have some anxiety following a positive test result.
9. I consent that they will need to self-isolate following a positive lateral flow test result, until the results of the confirmatory PCR have been received.
10. I agree that if my child's test results are confirmed to be positive from this PCR test, I will report this to the school / college and I understand that my child will be required to self-isolate following public health advice.
11. I consent that if a close contact of my child tests positive but my child has tested negative, they will continue to attend school / college but will be tested every day at school / college for 7 days.