

# Edward Peake C of E (VC) Middle School

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Lateral flow testing updates

We have received further guidance from the government regarding lateral flow testing over the Easter holidays. Families are requested to test their children twice a week including over Easter. This is a change to our previous letter regarding lateral flow testing. Please find the revised and suggested dates for testing below.

1. Sunday 21 March
2. Wednesday 24 March
3. Sunday 28 March
4. Wednesday 31 March
5. Sunday 4 April
6. Wednesday 7 April
7. Monday 12 April (prior to the pupils returning to school after the Easter holidays)
8. Wednesday 14 April
9. Sunday 18 April

If a test is not taken on a particular day, do not worry, but please take the test as soon as you are able to do so. Further test kits will be available after the Easter holidays.

## COVID and Contact Tracing over Easter

Headteachers across the country have received another request from The Department for Education to remain contactable at the beginning of the Easter holidays, essentially on call, to support the Track and Trace process. As leaders of schools we are prepared to assist our communities throughout this time and will continue to be contactable for the purpose of supporting our pupils and their families.

The Easter holidays presents us with the difficulty of potentially having to contact our families up to 3 days after our last day (26 March). If a member of our school community develops symptoms on the 27 or 28 March and then tests positive, we will aim to get in touch with the close contacts from school and instruct a 10 day isolation period.

If your child develops symptoms up to and including the 29 March, please book a test as soon as possible and then if a positive COVID 19 result is received, please contact us at the earliest possible opportunity through the dedicated email address:

[trackandtrace@edwardpeake.beds.sch.uk](mailto:trackandtrace@edwardpeake.beds.sch.uk)

This email address will be monitored daily during the initial three day period of the school holiday, allowing us to keep each other informed and notify all other contacts if they have been in close proximity to anyone who may have tested positive.



There will be an automatic reply to the email which will provide further information regarding next steps.

Should you need to contact the [trackandtrace@edwardpeake.beds.sch.uk](mailto:trackandtrace@edwardpeake.beds.sch.uk) email address, please take the time to read and respond to the request within the reply, as necessary.

In the event of a positive case being reported from a member of our immediate school community, notification will be sent to all families via SchoolComms. This message will instruct close contacts to isolate immediately as well as the date on which your isolation can end. We appreciate that this is a difficult time for everyone.

Date	Action
Between Monday 22- Friday 26 March	Contact Edward Peake using the usual methods: Email: <a href="mailto:info@edwardpeake.beds.sch.uk">info@edwardpeake.beds.sch.uk</a>  Tel: 01767314562
Saturday 27 March	Email:  <a href="mailto:trackandtrace@edwardpeake.beds.sch.uk">trackandtrace@edwardpeake.beds.sch.uk</a>
Sunday 28 March	Email:  <a href="mailto:trackandtrace@edwardpeake.beds.sch.uk">trackandtrace@edwardpeake.beds.sch.uk</a>
Monday 29 March	Email:  <a href="mailto:trackandtrace@edwardpeake.beds.sch.uk">trackandtrace@edwardpeake.beds.sch.uk</a>
Tuesday 30 March	No contact tracing required - the positive case has not been in school for over 48 hour

Advice for parents can be found: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19>

We thank you for your ongoing support at this time and wish you all a very safe and peaceful Easter break.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher