

12 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As you are aware, we have been carrying out the asymptomatic Covid-19 tests with pupils over the last two weeks. The pupils have responded admirably to the testing process and have shown a high level of maturity and our testing team have praised the positive attitude of our pupils during this time.

Following the third test in school we will be issuing your child with a pack of 6 tests for them to complete at home. These will cover two tests per week for the last three weeks of this half term. Tests should be taken 3 to 5 days apart, ideally in the morning. We suggest Mondays and Thursdays.

Along with the test we have sent home a guidance booklet and a 'how to' guide. This should help alleviate any concerns you may have. The guide is also included with this letter and we have a page on our school website with further information.

Results should be reported to gov.uk as soon as the test is complete, this is usually within 30 minutes. Please report the results even if the result is negative or void. It's easy to do at: gov.uk/report-covid19-result.

If your child returns a positive test result please inform the school straight away by phone or email enquiries@sacredheart.npcat.org.uk and follow the government advice for what to do following a positive covid-19 test by following this link Your coronavirus (COVID-19) test result.

Only those children with parental consent for the testing process will be issued with the tests to take home.



Once pupils have had their 3rd test in school, the home test kits will be distributed as follows:

Year Group	Tests distributed	Suggested first home test
11	Thursday 10th March 2021	Monday 15th March 2021
10	Friday 11th March 2021	Monday 15th March 2021
9	Friday 11th March 2021	Monday 15th March 2021
8	Tuesday 16th March 2021	Thursday 18th March 2021
7	Tuesday 16th March 2021	Thursday 18th March 2021

If you require any further support or if you have any questions about the testing process, please contact the main reception desk at enquiries@sacredheart.npcat.org.uk.

Yours faithfully

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Dr P Caldwell Headteacher

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