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Dear all Parents/Carers

Home testing for coronavirus using lateral flow devices

We were delighted to welcome all year groups back into school from the week commencing Monday 8 March, and as you will be aware, attendance is mandatory from that date. Alongside the other control measures we have put in place to ensure pupils and staff can work in an environment that is as safe as possible, we are strongly encouraging all pupils and their families and households to take part in the home testing programme for coronavirus, twice a week. Up to one in three people who have COVID-19 can spread the virus without knowing. This is because they have no symptoms. To reduce the spread of the virus, we need to identify those individuals.

Pupils will have taken part in three tests in school, explaining and demonstrating how the test should be completed, and informed of the process to follow when they carry out their tests. There are various videos and resources on the LFD testing process, which is available on the website link below to support when completing these at home. Attached in the pack is also a variety of diagrams to support you as a parent/carer with the process.

[Trinity Catholic College Home testing documentation](#)

Pupils **MUST** log their test results on our online form, choosing the link for their school which is accessible here - [Google test result form](#) and they **MUST** also log their results on the NHS Test and Trace website - <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

Can other people in the household use the school test kits?

No. The government is providing separate test kits for families and households with school-aged children. You can find your nearest collection site for these kits here - <https://find-covid-19-rapid-testsites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk>

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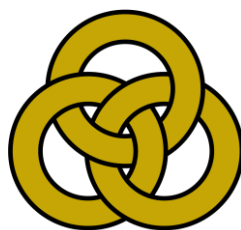
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LFD test results

Negative:

If the result is negative, the pupil can attend the school as normal, as long as they are not showing any coronavirus symptoms. Please remember that a negative test result does not guarantee that you are not carrying the virus, so you should continue to follow the safety precautions: wash hands regularly; wear a face mask; maintain social distancing.

Void:

If the test result is void, it must be repeated a second time. If the result of the second test is also void then the school must be informed, and a PCR test must be booked, and the pupil must self-isolate.

If the second test is negative, the pupil can return to school. If the second test is positive, a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test must be booked, and the pupil and your household must self-isolate. If the PCR test result is negative, the pupil can return to school.

In all cases, all results must be logged on the academy online form.

Positive:

If the result of the LFD test is positive you must contact school via Mrs Joanne Day email: day.j@trinity.npcat.org.uk a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test must be booked, and the pupil and your household must self-isolate. If the PCR test result is negative, the pupil can return to school.

When should pupils carry out the tests?

Pupils should test themselves at home twice a week, preferably in the morning before coming to school. We would like pupils to take the tests on Mondays and Thursdays. Please allow for adequate timing to complete the tests at this time.

How should we dispose of the LFD test kit and packaging?

The outer packaging provided with the LFD test kits can be recycled. All of the used test kit (swabs, cartridges and devices) should be placed in the small waste bag provided with the kit, and disposed of in your non-recycled household waste.

What if there's a problem with testing?

If there is an issue with the test kit, for example something is missing, please report it by calling 119, and also tell the school. If an accident or injury happens whilst using the test kit, seek medical care by calling 111 or 999 (if it is an emergency). Please also report the problem using this link - <https://coronavirus-yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk>

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Can my child take the test themselves?

Pupils aged 12-17 should do the test themselves with adult supervision. The adult may help the pupil to take the test if they need support.

Pupils aged 11 must be tested by an adult and the adult must report the result.

Privacy/Consent

The Trust's privacy notice explains what happens to the data provided in relation to the testing process, and has been shown to all pupils. It can be read on the school website under

[COVID-19 Testing Privacy Statement for pupils and their families](#)

Please note that pupils and parents DO NOT need to give written consent to take part in the home testing programme. All pupils have been given the opportunity to carry out testing at home, and consent to this is assumed once a test kit has been opened.

By testing regularly, we will help to reduce the spread in school and college settings through asymptomatic transmission. Although participation in the testing programme is voluntary, we are strongly encouraging all pupils to take part. Pupils will be supported throughout but if you have any questions please contact the school reception on **01648 298100** or by email enquiries@trinity.npcat.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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