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Dear Parents and Carers

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As you will know, it is the government's intention that pupils will begin returning to school from March 8<sup>th</sup>. We will be providing details of what this means later this week.

When pupils do return we will be implementing a Rapid Covid 19 Test programme. This will involve your child receiving **three** lateral flow tests 3 to 5 days apart on their return. We are however hoping to get some of these tests completed prior to the pupils returning. **The information provided today has changed following the announcements and I have highlighted in red the changes to the information sent out earlier today.**

We do still need your consent for your child to take part.

Please can you complete this online form as soon as possible giving consent for your child to be part of the initial mass testing programme. **The deadline for completion is this Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February.** (If you have already completed this form you do not need to complete it again.)

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=wm\\_jgF-GVvka3o8LPPqD7rVk5m4o378NPhzMdF20oKCdUQ01GQkNaN1xM1JMUDU0QThSNlcwMkIEWs4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=wm_jgF-GVvka3o8LPPqD7rVk5m4o378NPhzMdF20oKCdUQ01GQkNaN1xM1JMUDU0QThSNlcwMkIEWs4u)

You can read more information about the programme below. **This information has been updated following guidance published today.**

Kind Regards

Mr Grant

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## Information on the Rapid Lateral Flow Testing Programme

### 1. How often will my child be tested?

Upon your child's return to school they will receive **three** Lateral Flow (LF) tests within 3 to 5 days of each other.

**Once this is done your child will then be required to self test at home twice a week until further notice. You will be provided with home test kits in order to do this.**

### 2. What is involved in taking the test?

We have set up a testing centre in school. Your child will go to this centre and be supported to administer the test themselves. It involves swabbing your tonsils and one nostril. Full information about this process will be provided when the test is undertaken.

We will receive the result after 30 minutes and will inform parents and the child if the result is positive. You will also receive notification from NHS Track and Trace.

The result will either be positive, negative or invalid. If it is invalid it will need to be taken again.

**With the home tests the process is the same but you will need to let school know the result and record the result online directly to NHS track and Trace (We will provide you details on how to do this although it will be included within the home test kits)**

### 3. What happens if my child's Lateral Flow test result is positive?

**If your child receives a positive test result (either from school testing or from the home testing) they will need to isolate for 10 days. Your household will also be required to isolate. This is the same for a lateral flow test and a PCR test.**

### 4. What happens if my child is identified as a contact of someone who has tested positive?

Your child will be required to self isolate at home for 10 days and must not come to school.

Note: This applies whether your child is identified as a contact of someone in school or out of school.

### 5. If my child takes part does that mean they no longer need to adhere to the Covid secure measures in place?

No. Your child must continue to adhere to all measures in school whether you sign up for the programme or not. This includes the wearing of face masks. **(Wearing face masks will now also be required in lessons throughout the day until the Easter break)**

### 6. Does my child have to take part?

No it is entirely your choice. You must give your consent though if you do choose for your child to take part.

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## 7. Does my child still get tested if they don't have symptoms?

Yes. The lateral flow testing is for asymptomatic testing.

## 8. My child has developed Covid 19 symptoms. What do I do?

The lateral flow testing is for asymptomatic persons only. If your child has COVID 19 symptoms you will need to book a PCR test as normal isolating with your household until the result comes through. You should also let the school know and your child must not come to school until you receive the results of the test.

## 9. What infection prevention and control measures will my child follow when having the LF test?

When your child comes to have their test taken they will be kept at 2m distances and be required to wear a face mask, sanitising their hands on entry to and exit from the centre.

## 10. What happens to the data collected on my child?

There is a St John Paul II Multi Academy privacy notice that you can read here based on the NHS privacy notice

<https://stendmundcampion.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/document/Privacy-Notice.pdf?t=1610707156>

## 11. Do I have to pay for these tests?

No they are provided free of charge. **(This includes the home testing kits)**

## 12. My child has already had COVID 19. Should they take part?

If it is within 90 days of when your child had COVID 19 then no they should not take part. If it is after 90 days then yes they can.

## 13. I have more questions. Where can I get the answers to these from?

Please email [enquiry@stedcamp.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@stedcamp.bham.sch.uk) and we will get back to you asap

## 14. What happens next?

Once you provide consent we will contact you to let you know when your child's first test will take place. This will likely be on one of the days next week.

Consent Form

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=wm\\_jgFGVvka3o8LPPqD7rVk5m4o378NPhzMdF20oKCdUQ01GQkNaN1IxM1JMUDU0QThSNlcwMkIEWs4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=wm_jgFGVvka3o8LPPqD7rVk5m4o378NPhzMdF20oKCdUQ01GQkNaN1IxM1JMUDU0QThSNlcwMkIEWs4u)

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