

ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS



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31 August 2021

Dear Parents or Carers

RE: NHS Test and Trace COVID-19 asymptomatic testing for all students

We hope that you had a pleasant summer break. At School we are working hard to keep St. Anne's learning family as safe as possible. You may have heard that as part of the plan for returning students to school in September 2021 testing for those without coronavirus symptoms is beginning across the country using new, quicker COVID-19 lateral flow tests. Along with the other protective measures we are taking, these tests will help staff and students 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. The test is voluntary, but we would encourage everyone to take it.

We are aiming to test all students who want to participate twice as soon as possible from Friday 3rd September 2021. Each Year group is invited to dedicated testing days and timings and they will only come to school to take their test and then go home. Please see below further details for each Year group. **Please note that all tests will take place on our Palmers Green site even for students in Year 7, 8 and 9.**

Lessons on both sites will start from Thursday 9th September 2021. This is a new date, we had to adapt our plans due to plumbing and water access concerns in recent days.

How to take part in the 2 tests per student offer:

Please find attached below more information about how the test works, a digital Consent Form link and a privacy notice.

I am happy for my child to be tested:

If you are happy for your child to be tested, please fill in the digital Form below or the QR code to give consent electronically. The consent will be valid for each of the 2 tests, although you may change your mind at any time. <https://forms.office.com/r/VkmczebkEq>



Make sure you fill in the digital consent form by Thursday 3rd September 2021. Students who take part in the 2 tests will then be able to access the offer to self-test under parental supervision at home. More information will be shared soon. Those taking the test will be supervised by trained staff. The 'lateral flow' tests are quick and easy using a swab of the nose only. These new tests do not swab the throat, just both nostrils. Results will be sent by NHS in the form of a text to the mobile phone number given on the consent form. These tests are effective. Although they can have lower sensitivity, they are better at picking up cases when a person has higher viral load, hence the need to test frequently to start with. Testing is offered free of charge.

I am not happy for my child to be tested:

If you do not consent to your child being tested, you do not need to do anything. By not filling in the form we are aware that you are not consenting. In that case your child does should return to school on Thursday 9th September 2021.

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Testing important details:

- The timing is the recommended arrival time
- For the days the school is used as a testing centre we would like to encourage all to wear a mask if not exempt
- Students will be onsite for approximately 20 to 30 minutes each
- Students will leave as soon as their self-swab is completed
- Results will be send home by the NHS on the mobile number given on the consent form within approximately 24 hours
- Entrance door on 6 Oakthorpe road [see map below]
- Exit door on pedestrian alley giving onto Green Lane and Lodge Drive car park
- If dropping your child by car on Oakthorpe road, then Lodge Drive NCP car park is located near the exit students will use

Testing timings and days for each year group are as follow:

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Year 9	Monday 06/09/21 Gym		Wednesday 08/09/21 Main Hall		
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	Family Name H-O	11:40	Family Name H-O	11:40	
	Family name P-Z	12:00	Family name P-Z	12:00	
Year 8	Monday 06/09/21 Gym		Wednesday 08/09/21 Gym		
	Family name A-G	08:40	Family name A-G	11:10	
	Family Name H-O	09:10	Family Name H-O	11:40	
	Family name P-Z	09:40	Family name P-Z	12:00	
Year 7	Friday 3/09/21 Gym in Palmers Green		Monday 06/09/21 Gym in Palmers Green		Induction: Tuesday 07/09/21 On lower site in Enfield town
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What if a student tests positive?

Participating staff and students who test positive will be informed about their results individually. Where participants are under 16, parents or legal guardians will also be notified.

Students will need to take a further 'PCR test' on the same day (or as soon as possible). 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, try to visit a drive-through test site if possible, as it is faster than requesting a home test. We can provide PCR test kits to perform at home, if there are problems with accessing tests.

During this time while waiting for the PCR result (via text / email) students 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. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

What happens if the test is negative?

Students will be able to resume their activities as normal. A small number of students may need to repeat the test if the first test was invalid or void for some reason.

What if a close contact at school tests positive?

Most close contacts of someone in school who has tested positive for COVID-19 will not need to self-isolate anymore. You can read on up to date guidance on self-isolation here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person>

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What if my child develops symptoms?

This testing programme at school 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 or visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

We will support our staff and students throughout, but please contact us if you need this information in any other language or format or if you have any questions. Please let us know by email at admin@st-annes.enfield.sch.uk

Thank you for your support.

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