



17<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Dear Parent / Carers

### Asymptomatic COVID 19 Testing – Autumn Term 2021

As part of the Government's efforts to manage the spread of Coronavirus, we are writing to advise of plans to administer Lateral Flow Tests, (LFT), at The Castle Rock School. Students will be tested twice the week commencing Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. The decision to begin the process prior to their school return, is to minimise disruption to learning.

Parents of year 7 students can opt to have their first LFT, on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August followed by the second LFT on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August. On Tuesday, your child will be given a home testing kit whereby it has been advised by Public Health England, (PHE), that they test twice more, *following the school tests*, at home 3-5 days apart until the end of September.

For students to be tested in secondary school settings we need parental consent. Whilst LFT are not compulsory it is recommended by PHE, that all students receive them in order to quickly identify asymptomatic cases.

Please visit our website for more information on your personal data protection by using the following link:  
<https://www.castlerocksch.uk/data-protection-privacy/>

### What happens next?

Please log in to the 'Arbor Parental Portal', your Arbor log in details/guidance has been sent to you previously. You will see on the left-hand side of the screen 'Notices'. You will then be guided to accept or decline your consent. Please be aware that students must be tested before they can resume their lessons in school, unless you decline your consent.

Could we please ask that your consent is recorded before Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at 4.00pm.

Following parental consent, we ask that students are brought to The Castle Rock School bus park, promptly, at the following times, if surnames begins with:

Surname initial	Time of arrival
A or B	9.00am
C, D, E or F	9.20am
G or H	9.40am
I, J, K, L or M	10.00am
N, O, P, Q or R	10.20am
S, T or U	10.40am
V, W, X, Y or Z	11.00am

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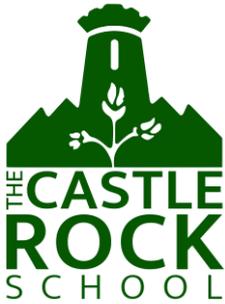
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Students will be greeted by a member of staff and ushered to the Stratford Sports Centre whereby a one-way-testing centre has been organised. We kindly ask that parents wait in the bus park whilst the testing takes place and students will be directed back to the bus park once they have completed the LFT.

If a student shows a positive result from the LFT, parents should arrange for a PCR test.

From 16 August 2021, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case. Instead, children will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test.

We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

For more information please see the following link for NHS advise on Test & Trace:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/nhs-test-and-trace-if-youve-been-in-contact-with-a-person-who-has-coronavirus/>

If you have any concerns or questions regarding testing please contact by emailing [cv19testing@castlerocksch.uk](mailto:cv19testing@castlerocksch.uk) and a member of staff will get back to you.

I feel it our civic responsibility to carry out the tests to help protect our students, our staff and our local community.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

**Duncan Baldwin**  
**Head of The Castle Rock School**



### How the tests work:

Government guidance recommends that students are tested twice at school, then following that twice a week at home up to the end of September. Those taking the test in school will be supervised by trained staff and volunteers. The lateral flow tests are quick and easy to undertake, using a swab of the nose and throat. Results (which take around half an hour from testing) will be shared directly with the individual participant.

The school will inform the student of a positive test result. Parents or legal guardians will also be informed. For students under the age of 16 years and in Key Stages 3 or 4, the parent / legal guardian will also receive a text/email notification of a positive or negative result from the online NHS system. Student over the age of 16 years and in Key Stage 5 will receive the text/email notification of a positive or negative result from the online NHS system. Tests are free of charge.

### What if my child tests positive?

If a student tests positive on a lateral flow device, they will be informed immediately by their school and will need to take a further 'PCR test' to confirm the result. This should be on the same day or as soon as possible afterwards. Their school will be able to provide these PCR test kits to perform at home.

During the time while waiting for the PCR result (via text/email) they will need to self-isolate.

If the PCR test returns a positive result they will have to continue to self-isolate and follow the guidance from NHS Test and Trace.

### What happens if the test is negative?

While a small number of students may need to repeat the test if the first test was invalid or void for some reason, students who test negative will be able to resume their activities as normal, as directed by the school.

Where participants are under 16 years and in Key Stage 3 or 4, parents or legal guardians will be informed of negative test results via text/email. Students over the age of 16 years and in Key Stage 5, will be informed of negative test results via text/email.

The text/emails are generated by online NHS system.

### What if staff or students have been in close contact with someone in school who tests positive?

Staff members or students will be notified by the NHS track and Trace App if they are a close contact, in which case they must follow the government guidelines (please see the NHS track and Trace link above for more details on this).

### 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 (including 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>.

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We will support our staff and students throughout, but please contact us if you have any questions. You can contact the COVID-19 Lateral Flow Testing Co-Ordinator at the school:

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