



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.

The second LFT will be administered during school hours on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August. Tutors will notify students on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August of the arrangements for these days.

Following the first LFT on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> / Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>, students 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.

*As you are aware, for students to be tested in secondary school settings we need parental consent. As we already hold consent for your child to be tested, there is no need for you to consent again.*

New year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students will have their first LFT on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. New year 8 and 9 students will have their first LFT on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August. Parents of our new year 7 students have been sent a separate letter.

Please check carefully below for allocated student testing times and ensure your child is prompt. Testing will take place in the Stratford building as before.

Please check carefully below for allocated student testing times and ensure your child is prompt. Testing will take place in the Stratford building as before.



**MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST 2021**

<b>NEW YEAR 10: OLD TUTOR GROUP</b>	<b>TIME OF ARRIVAL: STRATFORD BUILDING</b>
JWH	9.00AM
HBU	9.10AM
TMO	9.20AM
MBA	9.30AM
JMI	9.40AM
JTH	9.50AM
CBA	10.00AM
<b>NEW YEAR 11: OLD TUTOR GROUP</b>	<b>TIME OF ARRIVAL: STRATFORD BUILDING</b>
TWL	10.30AM
EBR	10.40AM
CCH	10.50AM
LAN	11.00AM
LRI	11.10AM
JSP	11.20AM
PMA	11.30AM
LHA	11.40AM
<b>NEW YEAR 12 &amp; 13: NEW TG FROM INDUCTION</b>	<b>TIME OF ARRIVAL: STRATFORD BUILDING</b>
KDA	12.30AM
KBE	12.40AM
CSM	12.50AM
DGI	1.00PM
LMR	1.10PM
DRI	1.20PM
GVE	1.30PM
REN	1.40PM
CSH	1.50PM

t 01530 834368 @ [office@castlerocksch.uk](mailto:office@castlerocksch.uk) [www.castlerocksch.uk](http://www.castlerocksch.uk) [@castlerocksch](https://twitter.com/castlerocksch)

The Castle Rock School, Meadow Lane, Coalville, Leicestershire LE67 4BR

**Head of School** - Mr D Baldwin

**Deputy Headteachers** – Mr M Gamble, Mr M Rowbottom and Mrs E Booth

**CEO Apollo Partnership Trust and Executive Secondary Headteacher** - Mrs J Patrick

Registered Company: The Castle Rock School – Company Registration No. 08114513

Registered Office: Meadow Lane, Coalville, Leicestershire LE67 4BR





**TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2021**

<b>NEW YEAR 8: OLD TUTOR GROUP</b>	<b>TIME OF ARRIVAL: STRATFORD BUILDING</b>
RWE	12.00 NOON
KHA	12.10PM
SBR	12.20PM
AWI	12.30PM
APK	12.40PM
CBU	12.50PM
LAL	1.00PM
TST	1.10PM
THI	1.20PM
TSA	1.30PM
<b>NEW YEAR 9: OLD TUTOR GROUP</b>	<b>TIME OF ARRIVAL: STRATFORD BUILDING</b>
ADA	2.00PM
RDE	2.10PM
JCH	2.20PM
RDO	2.30PM
RNI	2.40PM
RHO	2.50PM
ACO	3.00PM

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>.