



# St. Peter's Catholic Academy

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Dear parent/carer

As we reach the end of the Spring Term, I wanted to thank you for everything you are doing to keep our schools safe and open, including getting yourself and everyone in your household over the age of 11 tested regularly.

Now that testing has become a part of everyday life, we are really seeing how it can identify cases and minimise disruption in school. We want to encourage all parents to continue testing their household and any children aged 11+ twice a week.

Getting a lateral flow test (with a result within 30 minutes) is easier than ever:

- You can now book a test at a Community Testing Centre, and then collect up to two packs of seven tests for use at home. Tests can also be collected at national testing sites in the county.
- If you have children in a secondary school, they will be given tests for themselves by their school.

Please record your results on the government website, and ensure you link your result to your school when doing this. Lateral flow tests are for testing people who are not showing any symptoms of Covid-19. If your child is displaying one of the three classic symptoms of Covid;

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

they will need to isolate and get a PCR test at one of the government testing sites. Please do not use your lateral flow test on someone with symptoms, as this could produce an inaccurate result.

Any child testing positive with a home lateral flow test will need to go for a PCR test to confirm their result. If your child has had a positive lateral flow test at home, please report this immediately to your school. This will allow the school to determine quickly whether they need to isolate classes or bubbles, and minimise the risk of any further potential spread.

We know that some of this can be confusing, so we have put together a handy flow chart to let you know what tests you need, and what to do if a test is positive. It is incredibly important we get testing right, as this will minimise any impact on children's education, and any impact government's lockdown roadmap.

Parents have been fantastic so far, and I hope that you will continue to test twice a week, and keep children learning in school.

Yours sincerely  
R Snee (Mrs)

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