



St Peter's Church of England Aided School

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Dear Students, Parents and Carers

Mass Testing and Staggered Start to the Autumn Term

As I mentioned in my letter last week we will need to stagger our start to the Autumn Term. This is because the Government have asked schools to mass test all students twice at the start of term. Each student will have the opportunity to have two lateral flow tests at the start of our term in September.

Current Government guidelines request that after this point students test twice weekly at home (Sunday and Wednesday please) until the end of September.

We will supply these testing kits to students once we have received them in September.

Location for mass testing

The testing will take place in the Sports Hall.

Mass Testing Timetable

The two Lateral flow tests should be taken 3-5 days apart. **A booking system to enable parents/carers to book a convenient slot for testing your child in school will be available w/c 23rd August onwards** so please look out for further communication from the school around this time. You will see from the table below that we intend to start testing before term starts.

Date	Year Group	Times	Venue
Monday 6 th September	Year 7	From 1pm	In the sports hall
Tuesday 7 th September	Year 10	9am – 4pm	In the sports hall
Tuesday 7 th September	Year 11	9am – 4pm	In the sports hall
Wednesday 8 th September	Year 8	9am – 4pm	In the sports hall
Wednesday 8 th September	Year 9	9am – 4pm	In the sports hall
Thursday 9 th September	Year 7	Students will be called for their test by staff	In the sports hall
Friday 10 th September	Year 10 and 11	Students will be called for their test by staff	In the sports hall
Monday 13 th September	Year 8 and 9	Students will be called for their test by staff	In the sports hall

Year 7 and 11 Students

If it is not possible for you to be tested on Monday 6th or Tuesday 7th September please email masstesting@spexe.org in order for alternative plans to be made.

Consent for Mass Testing

Almost 100% of our community have already given consent for mass testing to take place. We are well equipped to provide an effective mass testing facility. On previous occasions when we have been asked to carry out mass lateral flow testing, our experienced testing team recorded over 6,000 lateral flow test results.

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If you are a student newly joining us from Year 6 or any other year please do complete the following link as soon as possible and no later than 2nd September 2021.

[CLICK HERE FOR LINK TO CONSENT FORM](#)

If you have changed your mind and do not wish your previous consent to be actioned you do need to tell us by putting a note in your child's planner.

Job Opportunity

We are still looking to recruit more members for the testing team for the duration of the testing programme. The hourly rate of pay is £9.43 and full training will be provided. If you are interested in helping us and available on the dates mentioned, please contact masstesting@spexe.org. as soon as possible.

Lateral Flow Testing for Students

Our mass testing team have successfully carried out well over 6,000 lateral flow tests on staff and students at St Peter's since January 2021. The Sports Hall will be set up as a test centre specifically for this purpose at the start of September.

Students are assisted in their test by a testing assistant in a 'bay' (as shown below) and the swab is then passed to the processing team, who are sat behind the testing assistants. Results of the swab are available in 30 minutes.



Our Covid Testing centre

Everyone taking a test is supervised by trained staff who are sensitive to the needs of the students and work with them to allay any nervousness or fear they may have. The 'lateral flow' tests are quick and easy, using a swab of your throat and nose and our trained staff oversee the whole process.

Results

Results (which take around half an hour from testing) will be shared with the school and named contacts via their mobile phones. Where participants are under 16, parents or legal guardians will also be informed.

1. Lateral Flow Testing Process –

Students should arrive promptly for their allocated time slot they have selected or we will not be able to manage the numbers needing to be tested.

Entry is through the Sports Hall at the left hand side of the building as you walk in – it will be signposted. When your child arrives at the school for their test, they should remember to **follow social distancing guidelines** and wear a **mask** as well as **washing their hands with hand sanitiser** prior to entering.



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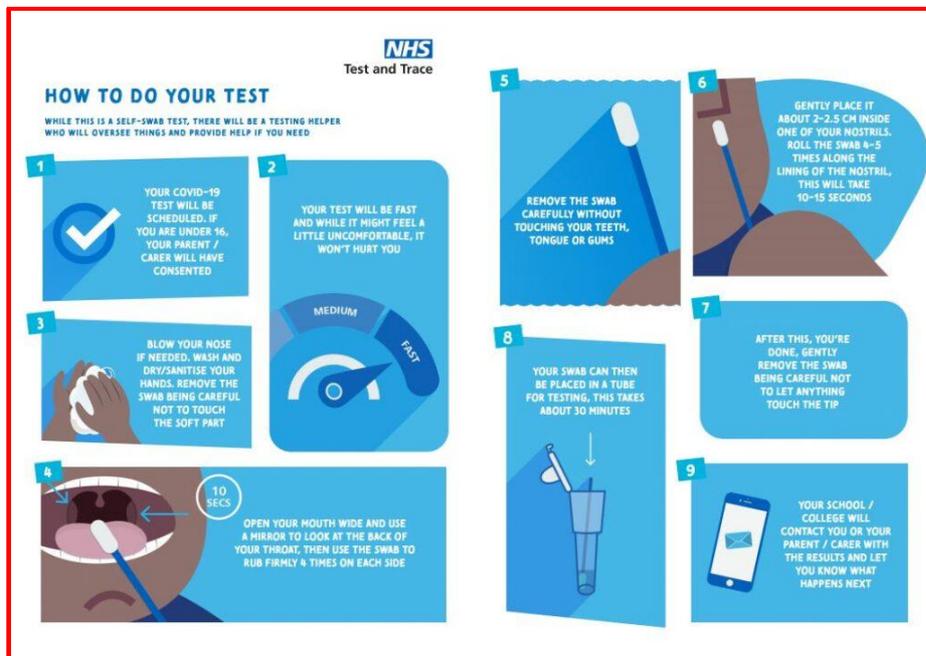
2. Registration

Students will need to complete a registration card prior to a test taking place. Each test has to be registered on the NHS website, and **so we will need your child to know their postcode, and also a contact email address and mobile number. This is particularly important as the results of the Lateral Flow test will be sent to this number / email.** Again, staff will be on hand to assist with the registration process.



3. Covid Test

Once registration is complete, it's time to take the test. A guide to the steps involved is shown below:



4. Leaving the Site –

Once the test has been administered, students will need to immediately leave the building by exiting through the double doors on the opposite side of the sports hall, and leave by the exit by the Kitchen. This means students should only be on site for approximately 30 minutes. Please ensure that students have a safe way to travel home.

5. Lateral Flow Testing Video

Some students will have no concerns about this process but we understand that some might be a little apprehensive about the Lateral Flow Tests. To help reassure you, later in August we will send a short film of Mr Baker taking his test. The testing does not hurt and is over quite quickly.



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Staggered Start

This will enable Year 7 to have an enhanced transition and provide some opportunities they missed as a result of the Covid restrictions.

As a result we will operate the following staggered start to term.

Wednesday 8th September – Year 7 only – 8.30am – 3.05pm

Thursday 9th September – Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 - 8.30am – 3.05pm

Yours faithfully

Phil Randall
Headteacher