

11<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent,

**Re: Covid-19 Community Testing**

Further to my letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> March, I wish to update you regarding the position with testing.

On 10<sup>th</sup> March, your child received **two** home tests kits (containing **three** tests each) to cover (home testing) for the remainder of the Spring Term. As previously started, **participation in the programme requires explicit consent**. If you consent, please complete and return the [Consent Form to Reopening@eastwood.southend.sch.uk](#) In the absence of a completed consent form, the Academy will assume that your child does not want to partake in the testing programme.

Prior to the wider reopening of schools on 8<sup>th</sup> March, in my letters dated 25<sup>th</sup> February and 1<sup>st</sup> March, I asked pupils to have **at least one** test at a local Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test centre where they would be **guided by an appropriately trained individual**. I have recently been contacted by Southend Borough Council who have advised me to ask pupils to undertake **two** further tests at a local LFD test centre (details enclosed) to ensure that they can competently self-administer a LFD test. As before, if your child records a **positive** Covid-19 result, please e-mail [notify@eastwood.southend.sch.uk](mailto:notify@eastwood.southend.sch.uk)

As you are aware, on 8<sup>th</sup> March, during extended Form time, pupils were shown a [LFD Self-Testing Video](#), observed a teacher demonstration and had the opportunity to raise concerns and/or ask questions in an open forum. I hope this, along with guidance they received from an appropriately trained individual at a local LFD test centre (prior to returning to school), has helped them to competently self-administer a LFD test. However, I would strongly encourage any pupil who does not feel confident about administering a LFD test, even under adult supervision, to attend a local LFD test centre (as outlined above) **or** arrange to attend the Asymptomatic Test Unit (ATU) on site between the hours of **7.30 a.m. - 8.30 a.m.**, although you will need to e-mail [Reopening@eastwood.southend.sch.uk](mailto:Reopening@eastwood.southend.sch.uk) to book an appointment.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. N. Houchen  
Principal



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### Local LFD Test Centres

#### University Square, Southend-on-Sea (entrance opposite Sainsbury's)

**You must have no symptoms to attend this site**

Standard opening hours: 7 days a week 7am to 2.30pm..

Parking: town centre pay and display parking..

Accessibility: accessible to all..

Type of test: LFD rapid testing site for people with no symptoms

You can [book an appointment on our website](#) or walk in without an appointment and the team will slot you in

If you're not able to book online, you can call the Southend-on-Sea Borough Council Covid Response helpline on 01702 212497. This line is open 9am to 5pm weekdays, 10am to 2pm weekends

#### St Aidan's Church

**You must have no symptoms to attend this site**

Address: The Fairway, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 4QW

Standard opening hours: 7 days a week 7am to 5:30pm

Parking: there is onsite parking in St.Aidan's church car park

Accessibility: accessible to all

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#### Shoebury Youth Centre

**You must have no symptoms to attend this site**

Address: Delaware Road, Shoeburyness, SS3 9NS

Standard opening hours: 7 days a week 8am to 6:30pm

Accessibility: accessible to all

Type of test: LFD rapid testing site for people with no symptoms

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**Garon's Sports Centre (for school children and their families only)**

**You must have no symptoms to attend this site**

Address: Southend Leisure and Tennis Centre, Garon Park, Eastern Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, SS2 4FA

Standard opening hours: 7 days a week, 8am to 7.30pm

Parking is available.

Accessibility: there are 10 steps on the exit, if you need ramp access please let the staff know.

Type of test: LFD rapid testing site for people with no symptoms. The tests are free.

You can [book your appointment on our website](#).