

11th March 2021

Dear Parent,

Re: Covid-19 Community Testing

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

On 10th 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 8th March, in my letters dated 25th February and 1st 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

As you are aware, on 8th 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 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

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

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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](#).