St. Ignatius' Catholic School

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<u>Coronavirus Testing Guidance</u>

Dear Parents / Carers

Please see the information below regarding which tests primary school children and adults should take if they have one of the three main symptoms of Coronavirus:

If you have coronavirus symptoms

The most important symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If you have symptoms of COVID-19, **arrange to have a PCR test**. Stay at home while you are waiting for a home self-sampling kit, a test site appointment or a test result. Do not use the rapid lateral flow testing service as this is only for people without symptoms.

[Order a test for people with symptoms](#) online or call 119.

Lateral flow tests are only to be used by people <u>without</u> symptoms (as they may identify cases that are asymptomatic and would otherwise be missed). School cannot accept a negative lateral flow result if your child (or anyone living in their house) has symptoms of Coronavirus, we can only accept results from PCR testing. If you do a lateral flow test and the result is positive current guidance asks that you also have a PCR test to confirm the result.

Please contact us if you need any further information.

Best wishes

Mr Hough

Do you have one or more of the 3 main symptoms of Coronavirus?

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Yes

Order a PCR Covid test for people with symptoms online or call 119.

Everyone in the house should isolate until the PCR test result is known.

Please report the PCR test result to school as soon as possible.

No

Lateral flow tests can continue be used by adults and secondary age children as normal.