January 2021

Dear Parent or guardian,

NHS Test and Trace: COVID-19 testing for staff and students

As you know, we have worked hard since the start of the pandemic in March to keep our school as safe as possible. You may have heard that testing for those without coronavirus symptoms is beginning across the country using new, quicker COVID-19 tests known as 'lateral flow tests'.

Along with the other protective measures we are taking, these tests can help staff and students remain in school safely. Up to one third of people who have coronavirus experience no symptoms. By testing we will help to stop the virus spread and help to keep our school open as safely as possible. The test is voluntary. However, we are participating as a school and I would encourage all students and staff to take part as well.

Alongside this letter, I would encourage you to read this Government instructional leaflet here with more information about the tests themselves. Please can you also read our Testing Privacy Statement here and you might find this Testing Data Protection FAQ helpful too.

If you are happy for your child to be tested, please:

- Fill in the form below and the enclosed consent statement (one per student) and return it to the school office via email to admin@scalbyschool.org.uk

- Alternatively, if you do not have access to a printer, or have difficulty completing the forms, you can complete an online version of the Consent Form using a phone, tablet, laptop or PC. Just follow this link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/10kXHLwFavG8TPqDVX6YytwOnn1VMbJROzVTWzwDH5ko/edit

Those taking the test will be supervised by trained staff. The 'lateral flow' tests are quick and easy using a swab of your nose and throat. For under 18s, staff can oversee the swab process.

Results take around half an hour from testing and will be shared directly with staff and pupils participating. Where participants are under 16, parents or legal guardians will also be informed.

Scalby Learning Trust is a company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. Company number 10265276
Registered office address: Fieldstead Crescent, Newby, Scarborough, North Yorkshire, YO12 6TH. Scalby Learning Trust is an exempt charity.

The Government has shared information with us from Oxford University and Public Health England, which have indicated the tests are as accurate in identifying a case as a 'PCR test' (99.68% specificity). The tests have lower sensitivity but are considered better at picking up cases when a person has higher viral load, hence the need to test frequently. Testing will be offered free of charge.

I hope that the information in this letter is helpful and clear. **Please do ensure you complete the Consent Form, if you are happy for your child to take a COVID-19 test. Please do this as soon as possible.** If you have any questions, please do also email these to admin@scalbyschool.org.uk

Yours Faithfully

Michael McCluskie
Head Teacher

Headteacher: Mr M. McCluskie
Fieldstead Crescent, Newby, Scarborough, North Yorkshire YO12 6TH
Tel: 01723 362301 Email: admin@scalbyschool.org.uk Web: www.scalbyschool.org.uk

Scalby Learning Trust is a company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. Company number 10265276
Registered office address: Fieldstead Crescent, Newby, Scarborough, North Yorkshire, YO12 6TH. Scalby Learning Trust is an exempt charity.

Consent form for COVID-19 testing in secondary schools

Introduction

This consent form is for participation in tests designed to detect asymptomatic coronavirus cases. Anyone experiencing symptoms should follow government guidelines to self-isolate, even if they have had a recent negative lateral flow test.

Consent relates to the following groups of students and staff as follows:

- **For students younger than 16 years -** this form must be completed by the parent or legal guardian. Please complete one consent form for each child you wish to participate in testing.

- **Students over 16 who are able to provide informed consent -** can complete this form themselves, having discussed participation with their parent/guardian if under 18.

- **For any pupil or student who does not have the capacity to provide informed consent -** this form must be completed by the parent or legal guardian.

Please complete one consent form for each child you wish to participate in testing.

- **Staff** will complete this form themselves.

Terms of consent

1. I have had the opportunity to consider the information provided by the school about the testing, ask questions and have had these answered satisfactorily, based on the information presented in the letter dated January 2021 and the Privacy Notice texted to me.

2. In the case of under 16s, I have discussed the testing with my child and my child is happy to participate. If on the day of testing they do not wish to take part, then they will not be made to do so and consent can be withdrawn at any time ahead of the test.

3. I consent to having / my child having a nose and throat swab for lateral flow tests. I / my child will self-swab if I / my child is able to otherwise I understand that assistance is available. In the case of under 16s or pupils who are not able to provide informed consent, I have discussed the testing with my child and they are happy to participate and self-swab (with assistance if required).

4. I understand that there may be multiple tests required and this consent covers all tests for the below named person. If, on the day of testing I / they do not wish to take part, then I understand I / they will not be made to do so and that consent can be withdrawn at any time ahead of the test.

5. I consent that my / my child's sample(s) will be tested for the presence of COVID-19.

Scalby Learning Trust is a company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. Company number 10265276
Registered office address: Fieldstead Crescent, Newby, Scarborough, North Yorkshire, YO12 6TH. Scalby Learning Trust is an exempt charity.

6. I understand that if my /my child's result(s) are negative on the lateral flow test I will not be contacted by the school except where I am / they are a close contact of a confirmed positive.

7. If the lateral flow test indicates the presence of COVID-19, I consent to having / my child having a nose and throat swab for confirmatory PCR testing. I/they will follow the instructions on the PCR Kit to return the test the same day to an NHS Test & Trace laboratory.

8. If the lateral flow test indicates the presence of COVID-19, I commit to ensuring that I / my child is removed from school premises as promptly as possible, bearing in mind I / they may have some anxiety following a positive test result.

9. I consent that I / they will need to self-isolate following a positive lateral flow test result, until the results of the confirmatory PCR have been received.

10. I agree that if my / my child's test results are confirmed to be positive from this PCR test, I will report this to the school and I understand that I/ my child will be required to self-isolate following public health advice.

11. I consent that if a close contact of my child tests positive but I / my child has tested negative, I / they will continue to attend school but will be tested every day at school for 7 days.

Child's First Name	
Child's Last Name	
Child's Year group	
Child's Date of Birth	
Child's Gender – this information is needed for Department for Health and Social Care research purposes. *[Please circle/highlight]*	Male/Female
Child's Ethnicity - this information is needed for Department for Health and Social Care research purposes. *[Please circle/highlight]*	Asian or Asian British Black, African, Black British or Caribbean Mixed or multiple ethnic groups White Prefer not to say

Scalby Learning Trust is a company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. Company number 10265276
Registered office address: Fieldstead Crescent, Newby, Scarborough, North Yorkshire, YO12 6TH. Scalby Learning Trust is an exempt charity.

Currently showing any COVID-19 symptoms?	
Home Postcode	
Email Address – this is where test results will be sent	
Mobile Number – this is where test results will be sent. Please do not put a landline number – you can only receive test results to a mobile number.	
Name of parent/guardian giving consent	
Relationship to test subject	
Signature (typing out your name is sufficient if you are filling in this form digitally)	
Today's date	
Details of any health or accessibility issues which might affect a child's safe participation in the testing exercise.	

Headteacher: Mr M. McCluskie
Fieldstead Crescent, Newby, Scarborough, North Yorkshire YO12 6TH
Tel: 01723 362301 Email: admin@scalbyschool.org.uk Web: www.scalbyschool.org.uk

Scalby Learning Trust is a company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. Company number 10265276
Registered office address: Fieldstead Crescent, Newby, Scarborough, North Yorkshire, YO12 6TH. Scalby Learning Trust is an exempt charity.

What if a pupil tests positive?

Participating staff and pupils who test positive will be informed about their results individually. Where participants are under 16, parents or legal guardians will also be notified. Guidance on safe travel and additional precautions will be provided along with test results.

Pupils will need to take a further 'PCR test' (similar to those done in local and regional testing sites) on the same day (or as soon as possible). School will be able to provide these PCR test kits to perform at home or you can go to www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or call 119 to book a follow-up test. If ordering a PCR test yourselves, they should choose to visit a drive-through test site if possible, as it is faster than requesting a home test.

During this time while they wait for the PCR result (via text / email) they will need to self-isolate.

If the PCR test returns a positive result you will have to self-isolate and follow the guidance from NHS Test and Trace.

What happens if the test is negative?

They will be able to stay in school and resume their activities as normal. A pupil will only be told if they test positive on a 'lateral flow' test, so if you do not hear you can assume it was negative. A small number of pupils may need to repeat the test if the first test was invalid or void for some reason.

What if a close contact at school tests positive?

A close contact of someone in school who has tested positive for COVID-19 will be able to return to school if they agree to be tested once a day for 7 days and the test is negative. If they do not want to take the test, they will need to self-isolate as per the national guidelines. This does not apply to household members or close contacts outside of school who will still need to self-isolate. Further details will be provided at the time, but if you would prefer to self-isolate instead of doing daily testing, you can.

What if my child develops symptoms?

This testing programme at school is for people with no symptoms. If your child develops symptoms at any time (such as a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste) they must immediately self-isolate, and book a test by calling 119 or visiting https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test.

Scalby Learning Trust is a company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. Company number 10265276
Registered office address: Fieldstead Crescent, Newby, Scarborough, North Yorkshire, YO12 6TH. Scalby Learning Trust is an exempt charity.

We will support our staff and pupils throughout, but please contact us if you need this information in any other language or format or if you have any questions. You can call the office on 01723 362301 or email admin@scalbyschool.org.uk .

Headteacher: Mr M. McCluskie
Fieldstead Crescent, Newby, Scarborough, North Yorkshire YO12 6TH
Tel: 01723 362301 Email: admin@scalbyschool.org.uk Web: www.scalbyschool.org.uk

Scalby Learning Trust is a company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. Company number 10265276
Registered office address: Fieldstead Crescent, Newby, Scarborough, North Yorkshire, YO12 6TH. Scalby Learning Trust is an exempt charity.