



St Catherine's Catholic School COVID-19 Lateral flow testing risk assessment

Description:		Covid-19 Lateral flow testing risk assessment	Assessment reviewed by: Jacqui Griffith, Business Manager		
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<p>This is a the school's generic Risk Assessment for Covid-19 Lateral Flow Testing in our school during the current Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p>From the beginning of January, schools and colleges starting with secondary schools and FE colleges, including special schools and alternative provision will be provided with testing kit including PPE. They will be provided with comprehensive guidance and training materials and support to introduce a testing programme that works for staff and students.</p> <p>For every group, testing is voluntary, but those who are eligible for tests are strongly encouraged to participate to reduce the risk of transmission within schools and colleges. In line with routine infection control practice, close contacts who decide not to be tested daily will need to self-isolate in line with the Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection.</p>					
Task / Activity	Hazard	Who might be harmed and how?	Is the team carrying out this Task/Activity (COVID-19 only)	Existing control measures	Recommended control measures
Initial Preparations	COVID-19 Virus Biological Hazard	<p>All persons involved in named activity.</p> <p>Respiratory symptoms, fever, cough, breathing difficulties. Severe cases acute respiratory syndrome, even death</p>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Premises Covid-19 Risk Assessment formulated and actioned alongside the school's planning framework All NHS/DfE and Local Authority guidance followed by the school Anyone showing symptoms of, coronavirus (COVID-19) (a new continuous cough, a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell - anosmia), or have someone in their household who is, not allowed in school Staff and families with COVID-19 symptoms to follow government guidance and self-isolate at home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication of the testing approach to all testing staff NHS and DfE guidance adhered to all relevant staff to take the NHS online training and onsite run through on the first day of testing Storage space for testing kits will be determined Testing area and workflow planned out Checks made to ensure there is sufficient and appropriate PPE for staff

Preparation of Testing Area	COVID-19 Virus Biological Hazard	All persons involved in named activity. Respiratory symptoms, fever, cough, breathing difficulties. Severe cases acute respiratory syndrome, even death.	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testing Site Identified. • Consent forms prepared to gain formal consent for testing and sharing results • Staff and pupil testing schedule planned • Protocols for cleaning the testing area between tests and following PPE contamination identified 	<p>The following will be adhered to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test site flooring must be non-porous • Test site must be well lit and have good airflow • Registration desk at the first point where test subject would enter the Test site • One-way direction of travel for test subjects. If not possible, enough room should be provided for test subjects to exit room whilst maintaining social distance • Test subject chair in the swabbing bay should be minimum of 2m apart • Each swabbing desk must have a processing desk close by –no more than 1m away. Recording desk to be located close by. • Test subjects must not enter area processing area. This should be demarcated. • Clear division between swabbing and processing area. This should be demarcated. Test subjects must not enter the processing area • All other key considerations include social distancing, disability access, and fire safety regulations will continue to be followed • The NHS Covid-19 National Testing Programme-Schools and Colleges Handbook will be used as guidance and strictly adhered to.
Training	COVID-19 Virus Biological Hazard	All persons involved in named activity. Respiratory symptoms, fever, cough, breathing difficulties. Severe cases acute respiratory syndrome, even death.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testing staff identified and trained 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All staff who will conduct LFD testing will complete the online NHS Test and Trace training • All testing staff will have access to the training portal. All staff members are required to watch the training videos and complete the online assessment. An onsite run through to be carried out on the first day of testing
Testing	COVID-19 Virus Biological Hazard	All persons involved in named activity. Respiratory symptoms, fever, cough, breathing difficulties. Severe cases acute respiratory syndrome, even death.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testing staff identified and trained, and appropriate PPE provided 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procedures set for invalid LFD tests and any staff or pupils who cannot or refuse to test will be agreed • Any devices used for registration will be kept clean between each use and contamination IPC measures will be carefully followed.

Test Analyse	COVID-19 Virus Biological Hazard	All persons involved in named activity. Respiratory symptoms, fever, cough, breathing difficulties. Severe cases acute respiratory syndrome, even death.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A lateral flow test needs to be conducted at the start of each school day for 7 days to remain in school • Staff and pupils who do not wish to be tested daily or are unable to be tested for any reason, must self-isolate in accordance with national guidance until 10 days after the person they are a contact of tested positive or if they have Covid-19 symptoms 	<p>Negative Lateral Flow Test Result</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue with your normal activities until your next test is due. <p>Positive Lateral Flow Test Result</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow the national guidance, and take a confirmatory PCR test, self-isolate until the result of the PCR test is available. • If the PCR test is positive • Complete 10 days self-isolation. All other identified close contacts and household members of this positive case will now also follow the national guidance. • If the PCR test is negative • Continue with your normal activities until your next test is due.
PPE Requirements	COVID-19 Virus Biological Hazard	All persons involved in named activity. Respiratory symptoms, fever, cough, breathing difficulties. Severe cases acute respiratory syndrome, even death.		<p>All testing staff to wear appropriate PPE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • disposable gloves • disposable plastic apron • surgical, fluid resistant face mask 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPE will be supplied to schools alongside the testing kits.
Storage	COVID-19 Virus Biological Hazard	All persons involved in named activity. Respiratory symptoms, fever, cough, breathing difficulties. Severe cases acute respiratory syndrome, even death.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secure Storage Facilities Identified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kits will be stored at room temperature: • Store extraction solution at 2-30o C • Store the test cartridge at 2-30o C

Additional links and guidance:

[guidance on PPE](#) (GOV.UK). Additional guidance on [Disposal of PPE- see Gov guidance \(cleaning\)](#)

[Personal hygiene- hand washing etc before and afterwards-](#)

Expiry dates of PPE and checking these <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus/education-and-childcare>

Resources available for schools to talk to young people about COVID and mass testing at www.storicise.com with more planned to be ready for schools, parents and young people to access at start of January.