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Dear Parent/Carer,

Summer seems to have flown by quickly and as the return of school draws closer we wanted to advise you of the testing arrangements in place across the city to help pupils return to school safely.

The government is advising that every secondary school pupil has **two** symptom-free tests in the week before they return to school and then takes regular tests over the coming months to stop COVID from spreading. Tests should be taken around three days apart.

Anyone who has tested positive for Coronavirus in the past 90 days should not get tested as they may show a false positive result.

Testing can be done at home (but please remember to report the results if you do so). However if your child is just starting secondary school or would benefit from someone helping them get tested in-person, they can visit one of our testing sites from 30 August - 12 September. If you would like an in-person test, no appointment is necessary but, if you prefer, you can book ahead by visiting [www.york.gov.uk/SymptomFreeCovidTest](http://www.york.gov.uk/SymptomFreeCovidTest)

### **Getting a test in York**

You can get tested or collect home testing kits from one of our symptom-free testing sites. You can also collect testing kits from pharmacies or order them online.

In person

## **Symptom-free testing sites**

These are at:

- **Acomb Explore Library**, Front Street, Acomb, YO24 3BZ
- **Foxwood Community Centre**, Cranfield Place, YO24 3HY
- **Rawcliffe Recreation Association**, The Pavilion, St Mark's Grove, YO30 5TS
- **St William's College**, 5 College St, YO1 7JF (currently no level access)
- **University of York**, James Way, Heslington, YO10 5NA
- **York St John University**, Lord Mayor's Walk, YO31 7EX

For details of opening times and how to book please visit

[www.york.gov.uk/SymptomFreeCovidTest](http://www.york.gov.uk/SymptomFreeCovidTest)

## **Collecting testing kits for use at home**

If you wish to collect kits to use at home you can get them from:

- Any of the above testing sites. Please collect them before 30 August if possible to free up capacity for those who need to visit the sites for an in-person test.
- Local pharmacies. [Find where to get rapid lateral flow tests](#) (NHS).
- Or you can [order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests](#) for home delivery (GOV.UK).

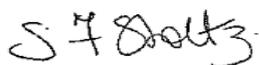
You can also collect a kit from one of the community venues we are working with **this August**, shown below:

<b>Mondays</b>	<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>Fridays</b>
<b>Red Tower</b> Foss Islands Road, YO31 7UL <b>10.30am to                      2.00pm</b>	<b>Clements                      Hall</b> Nunthorpe Road, YO23 1BW <b>9.00am to                      11.00am</b>	<b>Tang Hall                      Community                      Centre</b> Fifth Avenue, YO30 0UG <b>11.00am to                      2.00pm</b>	<b>York Travellers                      Trust</b> 20 Falsgrave Crescent, Clifton, YO30 7AZ <b>10.30am to                      12.30pm</b>	<b>Tang Hall                      Community                      Centre</b> Fifth Avenue, YO30 0UG <b>10.00am to                      11.00am</b>
	<b>St Joseph's                      Church</b> Kingsway North, YO30 6JX <b>1.00pm to                      4.00pm</b>	<b>Haxby                      Memorial Hall</b> 16 The Village, Haxby, YO32 3HT <b>12.30pm to                      3.30pm</b>	<b>Sanderson                      Community                      House</b> Bramham Road, YO26 5AR <b>10.00am to                      12.00pm</b>	<b>Door 84</b> 84 Lowther Street, YO31 7LX <b>10.00am to                      12.00pm</b>

Remember that the rules around self isolation, if you have come into contact with someone with coronavirus, have changed since last term. You can find out more from the [NHS website](#). We'll also be sharing more information and advice before the start of term.

Many thanks for your continued support. By working together we can help to reduce the transmission of coronavirus.

Best wishes,



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