

23rd February 2021

Consent form for COVID-19 testing in secondary schools and colleges

Dear Parent / Guardian of year 7 & 8 pupils,

In line with current government guidance from week beginning Monday 8th March 2021 Codsall Middle School will be administering the lateral flow Covid 19 tests in school, to children in Key Stage 3 and staff currently working on site. This will be optional and not mandatory for both pupils and staff and currently is not relevant to KS2 pupils. Pupils will be tested twice within a 3 to 5 day period, no further action will be required in the case of a negative result but in the case of a positive test result a confirmatory PCR test must be taken.

I can confirm that the staff administering these tests have received relevant training and all necessary testing equipment and PPE has arrived in school for our use.

The main body of this letter is compulsory for all schools to share with participants. For those parents who wish for their child to participate in the lateral flow testing then completion and return of the attached personal details / consent document is compulsory. Your child may return a paper copy of this form but we would prefer you to complete it electronically and return to the covid19@codsall-middle.staffs.sch.uk May I request that if you would like your child to participate in this testing that consent / personal detail forms are returned by Thursday 25th February 2021.

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 pupils as follows:

- **For pupils and 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.

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 23/02/2021 and the attached Privacy Notice.
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 If on the day of testing they do not wish to take part, then they will not be made to do so and consent can be withdrawn at any time ahead of the test.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 my child having a nose and throat swab for lateral flow tests. My child will self-swab if 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 they do not wish to take part, then I understand 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 child's sample(s) will be tested for the presence of COVID-19.
6. I understand that if my child's result(s) are negative on the lateral flow test I will not be contacted by the school/college except where they are a close contact of a confirmed positive.
7. If the lateral flow test indicates the presence of COVID-19, I consent to my child having a nose and throat swab for confirmatory PCR testing. 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 my child is removed from school premises as promptly as possible, bearing in mind they may have some anxiety following a positive test result.
9. I consent that 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 child's test results are confirmed to be positive from this PCR test, I will report this to the school / college and I understand that 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 my child has tested negative, they will continue to attend school but will be tested every day at school for 7 days.

May I again thank you for your continued support in keeping our school community safe and well.

Regards



Mr P Bowers
Headteacher

First Name	
Last Name	
Year group (if applicable)	
Date of Birth	
Gender – this information is needed for Department for Health and Social Care research purposes.	Male/Female
Ethnicity - this information is needed for Department for Health and Social Care research purposes.	Asian or Asian British Black, African, Black British or Caribbean Mixed or multiple ethnic groups White Prefer not to say
Currently showing any COVID-19 symptoms?	
Home Postcode	
First Line of Home Address	
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.	

Codsall Middle School (part of the Codsall Multi Academy Trust)

Privacy Notice

Under data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how the school uses any personal data that we hold about them. We comply with this right by providing 'privacy notices' (sometimes called 'fair processing notices') to individuals where we are processing their personal data.

This privacy notice explains how we collect, store and use personal data about **pupils**.

We, Codsall Middle School, are the 'data controller' for the purposes of data protection law.

Privacy Notice (How we use pupil information)

The categories of pupil information that we collect, hold and share include but are not limited to:

- Personal information (such as name, unique pupil number and address)
- Characteristics (such as ethnicity, language, nationality, country of birth and free school meal eligibility)
- Attendance information (such as sessions attended, number of absences and absence reasons)
- Assessment Information (progress, test results)
- Relevant health information and medical details (GP details, allergies, reports)
- Special educational needs and disability information (reports from advisory service, IEP and Action plans)
- Behavioural reports and information about Exclusions
- Safeguarding information

Why we collect and use this information

We use the pupil data:

- to support pupil learning
- to monitor and report on pupil progress
- to provide appropriate pastoral care
- to assess the quality of our services
- to comply with the law regarding data sharing

The lawful basis on which we use this information

We collect and use pupil information under the legal basis of the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA) and the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) 2018. The vast majority of this information is used under the legal basis of our public task as a school. For some limited data, such as photo images we use consent as our lawful basis.

Collecting pupil information

Whilst the majority of pupil information you provide to us is mandatory, some of it is provided to us on a voluntary basis. In order to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation, we will inform you whether you are required to provide certain pupil information to us or if you have a choice in this.

Storing pupil data

We hold pupil data in accordance with the time limits for data storage set by the Local Authority. These differ for different categories of information eg. books are kept for one year, safeguarding information for 25 years from the child reaching age 18.

Who we share pupil information with

We routinely share pupil information with:

- schools that the pupils attend after leaving us
- our local authority
- the Department for Education (DfE)
- Executive Government Agencies of the DfE including;
 - the Standards and Testing Agency (STA);
 - Ofsted
 - Education and Skills Funding Agency
- South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust;

- The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust and The Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust
- School Nurse, CAMHS or other NHS services
- Third party processors who require access to our information management system to carry out their agreed role with regards to pupil assessment and payment for services provided by school.

Why we share pupil information

We do not share information about our pupils with anyone without consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

We share pupils' data with the Department for Education (DfE) on a statutory basis. This data sharing underpins school funding and educational attainment policy and monitoring.

We are required to share information about our pupils with our local authority (LA) and the Department for Education (DfE) under section 3 of The Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013.

Data collection requirements:

To find out more about the data collection requirements placed on us by the Department for Education (for example; via the school census) go to <https://www.gov.uk/education/data-collection-and-censuses-for-schools>.

The National Pupil Database (NPD)

The NPD is owned and managed by the Department for Education and contains information about pupils in schools in England. It provides invaluable evidence on educational performance to inform independent research, as well as studies commissioned by the Department. It is held in electronic format for statistical purposes. This information is securely collected from a range of sources including schools, local authorities and awarding bodies.

We are required by law, to provide information about our pupils to the DfE as part of statutory data collections such as the school census and early years' census. Some of this information is then stored in the NPD. The law that allows this is the Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2013.

To find out more about the NPD, go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-user-guide-and-supporting-information>.

The department may share information about our pupils from the NPD with third parties who promote the education or well-being of children in England by:

- conducting research or analysis
- producing statistics
- providing information, advice or guidance

The Department has robust processes in place to ensure the confidentiality of our data is maintained and there are stringent controls in place regarding access and use of the data. Decisions on whether DfE releases data to third parties are subject to a strict approval process and based on a detailed assessment of:

- who is requesting the data
- the purpose for which it is required
- the level and sensitivity of data requested: and
- the arrangements in place to store and handle the data

To be granted access to pupil information, organisations must comply with strict terms and conditions covering the confidentiality and handling of the data, security arrangements and retention and use of the data.

For more information about the department's data sharing process, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/data-protection-how-we-collect-and-share-research-data>

For information about which organisations the department has provided pupil information, (and for which project), please visit the following website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-requests-received>

To contact DfE: <https://www.gov.uk/contact-dfe>

Requesting access to your personal data

Under data protection legislation, parents and pupils have the right to request access to information about them that we hold. To make a request for your personal information, or be given access to your child's educational record, contact the Headteacher.