



# CAISTOR YARBOROUGH ACADEMY

Our ref: MMid/JBig/KWoo

30 March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

## COVID-19 TESTING OVER EASTER

Further to my letter of 17<sup>th</sup> March, I wanted to send a brief update regarding arrangements for home testing over the Easter break. As you know, Lateral Flow Device home testing kits have been issued to all students who are opting to participate and **we strongly encourage those families involved to please continue to test your child every 3-5 days twice weekly, including over the Easter break.** Please test your child before returning to school for the summer term, either the night before, or morning of, the first day back to identify any positive cases. This is essential to identify asymptomatic cases of Covid-19 and to reduce the potential transmission of the virus in school.

**Please remember to report your child's test result (positive, negative or void) to the NHS at:** [www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result](http://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result). I appreciate this can take a few minutes to input the data. Also please continue to report your test result to the Academy using the Microsoft Form below:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=LeZsaEziUEKJI4QbOwhBmtdYZpF4YXIBk5LK-L-y9jidUMjRQMos2REE3SDhDSOY3UzBaVvdKRTdQQS4u>

If the test result is positive over the Easter break, your child and close contacts must immediately self-isolate and your child should obtain a lab-based PCR test. If the PCR test is positive, your child and close contacts must continue to self-isolate and follow instructions from NHS Test and Trace. If the PCR test is negative, your child and close contacts can resume normal activities and come out of isolation.

**A positive test must be reported to the school over the Easter break at [covidsupport@cyac.org.uk](mailto:covidsupport@cyac.org.uk) ONLY IF YOUR CHILD WAS IN SCHOOL IN THE 48-HOUR PERIOD BEFORE THEY DEVELOPED SYMPTOMS.** If your child tests positive for COVID-19 during the holidays, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, please DO NOT report the incident to the school, but follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace. **In line with the Department of Education guidance, positive cases should NOT be reported to the school between Wednesday 7 April 2021 and Sunday 18 April 2021 - the NHS Test and Trace instructions should be followed.**

If the result from a home Lateral Flow Device test is negative or void during the Easter holidays, it must still be reported to the school via the Microsoft Form:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=LeZsaEziUEKJI4QbOwhBmtdYZpF4YXIBk5LK-L-y9jidUMjRQMos2REE3SDhDSOY3UzBaVvdKRTdQQS4u>

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If there are any home testing kits which are damaged, missing or difficult to use, or if you are unable to log test results, please call 119 to report the issue. If an incident led to, or has potential for, harm (for example, a swab breaks in the mouth, bleeding, allergic reaction on using the kit), you should contact 119 and also report this on the [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) yellow card reporting site](#).

Please can I remind all parents that 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 not come to school but immediately self-isolate and book a PCR test. If you are in any doubt, please take your child for a PCR test.

As we come to the end of a busy term, I hope that your child has settled back into school well, is enjoying lessons and spending important time with their friends.

Happy Easter!

With kind regards.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mr M J Midgley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'M' at the beginning.

**Mr M J Midgley**  
**Headteacher**