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01 March 2021

Dear Parent/carer

Community testing is the way we are going to prevent the spread of COVID-19 as we start to return to normality following the "roadmap to recovery".

Step 1 begins during the week commencing 8 March, when schools fully open and wrap around childcare resumes. If successful, and the spread of COVID-19 through testing is prevented, the second stage of step 1 begins on 29 March, where the rule of 6 outdoors, along with outdoor sport can restart.

Steps 2 and 3, if successful, will lead to Step 4 no earlier than 21 June, where life is almost back to normal.

Community testing is starting in schools, but it is intended that we will all eventually test at home every week.

The testing programme for students in schools is part of the training of our young adults to carry out testing effectively. As such, young adults are expected to carry out 3 LFD (Lateral Flow Device) tests.

At Southchurch High School, we have arranged that your son's or daughter's 1<sup>st</sup> test may be carried out at a site within our local community. The nearest site to Southchurch High School is located at Garon's Sports Centre, but other sites may be booked if you prefer. Trained testers will facilitate the testing to help your son or daughter learn how to perform the test.

Their first test may be booked from 8:00am on Tuesday 2 March, (please see details below).

Your son's or daughter's 2<sup>nd</sup> test may be carried out at Southchurch High School and their 3<sup>rd</sup> test either at school or a testing site. (More details will be given nearer the time). Testing will then continue at home.

Please **do not** book or turn up for a test at the LFD sites if:

- You have any symptoms of Covid-19 (a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or loss or change to your sense of smell or taste)
- You have had a positive test (LFD or PCR) in the last 90 days
- You have been in contact with anyone in the last 10 days who has symptoms or tested positive

You may book online using the link below. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult. If not using the booking system and you are not accompanying your son or daughter please write a short note of consent for them to carry.

#### **Garon's Sports Centre,**

Eastern Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, SS2 4FA

#### **SCHOOLS ONLY**

7 days a week 8:00am to 8:00pm

Parking is available

Accessibility: there are 10 steps on the exit, if you need ramp access please let the staff know.

#### **Garon's site booking: (schools only)**

[https://iweb.itechvision.com/portal/f?p=customer:category\\_link:::::CUID,LANG:FB9DB7704D3832A79280E053715401AF8COCE30E,EN&P\\_LANG=en](https://iweb.itechvision.com/portal/f?p=customer:category_link:::::CUID,LANG:FB9DB7704D3832A79280E053715401AF8COCE30E,EN&P_LANG=en)

Tel: 01702 900777

Email: [info@southchurchschool.com](mailto:info@southchurchschool.com)

**Southchurch High School, Southchurch Boulevard, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS2 4XA**



Headteacher: Mr S C Reynolds

**Site addresses and opening times:**

**University Square,**

Southend-on-Sea (opposite Sainsbury's)

7 days a week 7:00am to 2:30pm

Parking: town centre pay and display parking

Accessibility: accessible to all

**St Aidan's Church,**

The Fairway, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 4QW

7 days a week 7:00am to 5:30pm

Parking: there is limited onsite parking in St.Aidan's church car park

Accessibility: accessible to all

**Shoebury Youth Centre** (rear sports hall),

Delaware Road, Shoeburyness, SS3 9NS

7 days a week 8:00am to 6:30pm

Parking is available

Accessibility: accessible to all

**Links:**

Find a test centre near you on the NHS map:

[NHS Covid Test Finder \(https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/findatestcenter.html \)](https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/findatestcenter.html)

Book a test at one of the Southend test centres: <https://www.southend.gov.uk/gettested>

Book a test at one of the Essex centres: <https://www.southend.gov.uk/gettested>

**For more information and to book a test please visit the website:**

<https://www.southend.gov.uk/gettested>

**Or contact**

**Southend-on-Sea Borough Council Covid Response helpline on 01702 212497.**

**This line is open 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday-Friday**

Yours faithfully



Stuart Reynolds

**Headteacher**