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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may be aware, yesterday I found out that there will be a Covid mobile testing unit set up on the playing fields on Royal Drive opposite school - I found out via a Facebook post on Grimsby Live! After several emails to the Local Authority and Public Health I got a reply from Geoff Barnes, Deputy Director of Public Health for NELC – please see below.

‘North East Lincolnshire Council, working in partnership with the Department of Health and Social Care, has agreed to locate a COVID-19 mobile testing site at Royal Drive playing fields in Immingham, commencing Monday 21st December. This is because it is recognised that the town of Immingham lacks access to coronavirus testing facilities meaning that people have to travel to Grimsby, Scunthorpe or the Humber Bridge to get tested. The facility will be available two days per week (one of which could be a weekend day) and slots can be booked through the national testing portal <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

The site was chosen following consultation over a number of potential sites in the town and this was deemed to be the most suitable due to the availability of toilet/washroom facilities in the sports pavilion. We recognised the close proximity of the school would be a concern due to potential traffic difficulties at school start and finish times. We have therefore agreed with the organisation that is providing the facility that they should not start before 9.30 a.m. and should stop for the day before school closure time. However we do not anticipate that there will be concerning amounts of travel to the location at any time of the day. No further dates have been confirmed but a timetable will be drawn up for the month of January which will be shared with the school identifying which days the mobile testing unit will be visiting the playing fields.’

If you have any queries regarding this facility can I ask that you contact North East Lincolnshire Council and I am sure they will be able to help you.

In the meantime, I am awaiting a response from the Health and Safety team with further guidance as to what action I need to take, if any, to further ensure the safety of all our pupils and staff and of course yourselves at pick up and drop off times.

Have a lovely Christmas and New Year and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in January.

Kind regards

Helen Redmond

Headteacher

