

Friday 5th March 2021

Dear Parents,

Returning on Monday 8th March 2021

We are looking forward to seeing all the children back on Monday 8th March. Please come at the time allocated to your child's class and take them to the specified entrance. A reminder text will be sent on Sunday with all the information you will need.

Please also send all **reading books** back into school on Monday so that we can sort them out and redistribute them as soon as possible.

You may have seen in the media about asymptomatic Lateral Flow (LF) or Rapid Testing for when children return to school.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

However, the government are asking the adults families of school age children to take the tests, where possible, to find asymptomatic carriers of COVID-19 and stop the spread in schools.

Details of how you can do this are outlined below -

Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college

Test kits can either be collected, ordered online or obtained through your employer. Secondary school and college students will continue to access testing through their school or college.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most -
[Schools testing: Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow home test kits - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests. You do not need to make an appointment.

Where can I collect my kits?

Local collection points are

- Wroughton Park and Ride
- Broadgreen

What time are they open?

Collection points are open from 1.30pm to 7pm at the moment but this may change so it is best to check online if the location is open or busy before you go on [Find a test centre \(test-and-trace.nhs.uk\)](#)

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

Full guidance below

[Rapid lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Kind regards,



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