



Bishop Stopford's School

Brick Lane, Enfield, Middlesex, EN1 3PU

Headteacher: Ms T. Day BA (Hons), NPQH

21th July 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you for your continued engagement in the Covid-19 testing programme. Please continue to encourage your child to test twice weekly using home kits and report the results until the end of the summer term.

The asymptomatic testing programme is being paused for students in secondary schools and colleges that will be closed over the summer holidays. Your child should continue to test twice a week if they are attending face to face education in school/college over the summer. If you or your child are not attending school over the summer but wish to access rapid lateral flow testing, you can continue to do so by ordering LFD test kits from GOV.UK or by collecting kits from your local pharmacy.

We are unsure about the Covid situation we will face in the autumn, so we want to be prepared for all scenarios. Subject to public health advice, we are preparing to test on our return in the autumn. In September, we will offer your child **two** tests on-site before continuing regular testing at home – please see below for the schedule. This is the most effective way to reduce the risk of transmission and support the continuation of face-to-face education. We recognise, however, the need to minimise any disruption to education and to continue to support your child's mental wellbeing. The government will continue to review the future need for testing in light of any changes to the public health situation.

You may recall that we conducted a series of three tests when the pupils returned to face to face education in the Spring. At that time, we asked you to complete an online consent form.

If you no longer agree to your child being tested at school, please send an email to covid@bishopstopfords.enfield.sch.uk with your child's full name and year group along with a sentence stating that you now withhold your consent. This should be sent no later than Wednesday 21st July. If no email is received, we will then act on your original consent from earlier this year.

If you previously withheld consent but are now happy to give your consent, please complete the consent form using the following link by Wednesday 21st July 2021:

<https://forms.gle/f4mDKcxzuWH1zxq3A>

If this link does not take you directly to the consent form, please copy and paste the link into your search bar.



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For our new Year 7 Students starting in September

As your child did not take part in the mass-testing at Bishop Stopford's School earlier in the year, we require your consent for the testing to take place. Please complete the consent using the following link by Wednesday 21st July:

<https://forms.gle/f4mDKcxzuWH1zxq3A>

If this link does not take you directly to the consent form, please copy and paste the link into your search bar.

Anyone who has received a positive PCR test result is advised not to retest for a further 90 days, as subsequent results may not be accurate.

The Test

The Lateral Flow Tests are quick and easy and only use a swab from both nostrils, we no longer need a throat swab. **What if a pupil tests positive?**

Participating pupils who test positive will be informed about their results individually. Where participants are under 16, parents or legal guardians will also be notified.

Pupils will need to take a further 'PCR test' (similar to those done in local and regional testing sites) on the same day (or as soon as possible). To book a PCR test you can go to www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or call 119 to book a follow-up test. If ordering a PCR test yourself, you should choose to visit a drive-through test site if possible, as it is faster than requesting a home test.

During this time while they wait for the PCR result via text or email, they will need to remain at home.

If the PCR test returns a positive result they will have to self-isolate and follow the guidance from NHS Test and Trace.

What happens if the test is negative?

Your child will be able to continue as normal in school.

What if a close contact at school tests positive?

The close contacts will be identified via NHS Test and Trace and education settings will no longer be expected to undertake contact tracing.

As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case to identify close contacts. Contacts from a school setting will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact.



What if my child develops symptoms?

The testing programme at Bishop Stopford's School is for pupils with no symptoms. 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 immediately self-isolate and book a PCR test by calling 119 or visiting <https://gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

Testing Schedule


The testing will take place during the school day and your child is expected to attend school as usual. The schedule for the testing is below:

Whole School LFT Timeline September 2021		
Year Group	Test 1 Date & Time	Test 2 Date & Time
Year 7	Friday 3 rd September AM	Tuesday 7 th September AM
Year 8	Monday 6 th September AM/PM	Thursday 9 th September PM
Year 9	Monday 6 th September PM	Thursday 9 th September AM
Year 10	Monday 6 th September AM	Thursday 9 th September AM
Year 11	Tuesday 7 th September AM	Friday 10 th September AM
Year 12	Friday 3 rd September AM	Wednesday 8 th September AM
Year 13	Monday 6 th September AM	Friday 10 th September AM

We will support our pupils throughout, but please contact us if you need more information at covid@bishopstopfords.enfield.sch.uk

Thank you for your continued support to keep our students safe whilst we prioritise our school remaining open.

Very best wishes,



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