

12th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all for your support this week with giving permission for your children to take part in our lateral flow testing for coronavirus as part of students' return to school. We started our testing process for students on Monday and have been hugely impressed by the numbers of students participating and their punctuality for their appointments. 87% of the student population have now been tested once.

Once students have had three lateral flow tests on our school site, they will be provided with home testing kits for them to use twice a week.

Home Testing Kits and Guidance

All students who have opted into the testing programme will receive the home testing kits next week. Each kit has clear instructions on how to administer the test as well as how to report the test to the NHS.

[Click here for further information about how to use the home test kit.](#)

[Or you can watch a guide to home testing by clicking this link](#)

What happens if my child tests positive?

- If your child tests positive using the lateral flow test, they **must not** come to school.
- Your child must self-isolate for 10 days from the day they test positive.
- You must report the result of your home test to the school - positive, negative or void- via this link: [Report the results of your home test.](#) The link will also be available on the school website.
- You are strongly advised to also get a PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) test. [You can access a PCR test from any of the Ealing sites. Click here for more information.](#)

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



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weekly, for example by collecting a test from a home test site or by ordering home test kits online. To find out more about the home testing, you can call 119, which is free from mobiles and landlines. Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club will restart from Monday 15th March 2021 and all students are welcome to attend. The breakfast club takes place in the dining hall and is open from 08.00 every morning until 8.45am for Year 7, 8 and 9 and until 9am for Year 10, 11 and 6th form. To access the breakfast club students attending must enter via the main gate before 8.30am and through their own-zoned entrance after 8.30am.

Students will remain in their year group zones during the breakfast club and will not be able to leave until the beginning of their first period/pastoral session.

A breakfast of toast, cereal and a drink are available to all free school meals students for free.

For the safety of our students and to follow government guidelines only students who have pre- registered please [click here](#) to register your child.

Free School Meals

Your home circumstances may have changed throughout the pandemic and your children may be entitled to access the Free School Meals. If you require further information regarding the process of applying for Free School Meals, please contact the school and a member of the DWHS (Dormers Wells High School) team will support you with the application.

STAY AT HOME AND SELF ISOLATE if you have Coronavirus symptoms

If your child, or anyone in your household, develops symptoms of COVID-19 (a high temperature, a new continuous cough or a loss or change in taste or smell), or if anyone is identified as a contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, you must not send your child to school. There is more detailed guidance on staying at home in English and a range of other community languages through this [link](#). Please also see this [flowchart](#) for parents. There is further information on latest NHS guidance on Coronavirus symptoms in children.



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Supporting your child back to school

It is understandable that some people will be worried about COVID-19. However, we have put in place several safety measures aimed at protecting our children, staff and families and reducing the spread of the virus as the children return to school.

It is also important to remember that most people who catch COVID-19 will experience mild symptoms and are unlikely to become severely unwell. The risk to children of becoming severely ill from COVID-19 is very low.

We all know the benefits of being back in school far outweigh the very low risk from COVID-19. If you have a concern about your child returning to school due to specific health conditions, you must contact the school for support.

Ealing Council have put together some guidance for parents and carers to help prepare their child or young person for returning to school.

This guidance is taken from our booklet '[Supporting your child's return to school](#)' which is also available to download in [English Punjabi](#), [Somali](#), [Polish](#), [Tamil](#), [Urdu](#), and [Arabic](#).

Finally, I want to thank you all for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

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