

3rd March 2021

Dear Families,

Re: Mass Testing Schedule and Home Testing

As you will be aware from Mrs Heard's email last Friday and the latest Government guidance, we will be testing our students on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th March before they return to school. Since January, we have been successfully testing those students and staff who have been in school and will be upscaling our testing centre to ensure we can test all students within a two day period. We have been asked to perform three tests; students should receive one negative test before returning to school for lessons, their second and third tests will also be carried out at school and they will receive a home testing kit for use after this.

Our Asymptomatic Testing Centre will be based in our Sports Hall to ensure maximum ventilation in the area. Students will be shown to an individual booth on their arrival to enable privacy whilst carrying out the test. A member of staff will be present throughout to answer any questions they may have and to ensure they understand the swabbing process.

Thank you to all families who completed the consent survey by the deadline on Tuesday; we are aware that some families may have had a problem with the survey link and so have extended this deadline until Friday at midday to ensure that families have the opportunity to provide their consent. Please complete this survey; if you had previously provided consent in December/January we still require this updated consent. However, as you will be aware you do have the option to opt out and we kindly request that you email the school so that we can make a note of this.

Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Q65PT9Y>

The tables below give information about the testing times for students on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th March. Students may wear their own clothes on these two days and should enter the school by the usual gate, please see below, make their way to the Sports Hall, take their test and then make their way straight home again using their usual gate to exit the site.

Monday 8th March – Testing for Years 10, 11, 12 and 13

Tutor Group	Test Time	Gate
11JS	8.30am	West Barnes Lane (DT)
11CJ	8.45am	West Barnes Lane (DT)
11MS	9.00am	West Barnes Lane (DT)
11JE	9.15am	West Barnes Lane (DT)
11DH	9.30am	West Barnes Lane (DT)
11CH	9.45am	West Barnes Lane (DT)
10EC	11.00am	West Barnes Lane (DT)
10PP	11.15am	West Barnes Lane (DT)

10MR	11.30am	West Barnes Lane (DT)
10MA	11.45am	West Barnes Lane (DT)
10SC	12.00pm	West Barnes Lane (DT)
10CM	12.15pm	West Barnes Lane (DT)
12/13LP	1.30pm	West Barnes Lane (Bushey)
13RJ and 13ST	1.45pm	West Barnes Lane (Bushey)
12CH	2.00pm	West Barnes Lane (Bushey)
12ES	2.15pm	West Barnes Lane (Bushey)
12PF	2.30pm	West Barnes Lane (Bushey)

Tuesday 9th March – Testing for Years 7, 8 and 9

Tutor Group	Test Time	Gate
7CM	8.30am	Bushey Road
7MB	8.45am	Bushey Road
7MH	9.00am	Bushey Road
7MA	9.15am	Bushey Road
7RR	9.30am	Bushey Road
7JJ	9.45am	Bushey Road
7LS	10.00am	Bushey Road
7DJ	10.15am	Bushey Road
9OP	11.30am	West Barnes Lane (Bushey)
9RS	11.45am	West Barnes Lane (Bushey)
9CC	12.00pm	West Barnes Lane (Bushey)
9JC	12.15pm	West Barnes Lane (Bushey)
9ES	12.30pm	West Barnes Lane (Bushey)
9AA	12.40pm	West Barnes Lane (Bushey)
9KM	12.50pm	West Barnes Lane (Bushey)
8MC	1.30pm	Bushey Road
8JL	1.45pm	Bushey Road
8CN	2.00pm	Bushey Road
8GC	2.15pm	Bushey Road
8MM	2.30pm	Bushey Road
8HB	2.45pm	Bushey Road
8RH	3.00pm	Bushey Road
8RP	3.15pm	Bushey Road

The information you provided on the consent survey will be used to inform you of their test result; this may take a couple of hours to get through to you but you should receive a text and/or email on the days your child takes their tests.

Following the two days of initial testing, all students should return to school at their usual time on Wednesday 10th March. Tests 2 and 3 will be carried out on the following days:

Date	Test Number	Year Groups
Thursday 11 th March	2	10, 11, 12 and 13
Friday 12 th March	2	7, 8 and 9
Monday 15 th March	3	10, 11, 12 and 13
Tuesday 16 th March	3	7, 8 and 9

On the days above, students will leave a designated lesson and go to the Sports Hall to carry out their tests and before returning to their lesson. They should therefore attend school as usual on these days.

Home Testing

We will be providing all students with home testing kits during the week commencing Monday 15th March following their third test. We will write home on the day of issue so that you can ensure your child has received their kit. Home testing kits contains 7 tests to enable twice weekly testing until Easter. You can find more information about the process in this NHS video (the swabbing process is the same as students will carry out in school):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9XR8RZxKNo&list=PLvaBZskxS7tzQYIVg7lwH5uxAD9UrSzGJ>

Students aged 12 and above are able to swab themselves but we ask that you are present to assist with carrying out the analysis process. Any students who are aged 11 are able to swab themselves in school but the guidelines state that you will need to carry out the swabbing process on them when at home.

You should then upload the result of the test (positive or negative) to the NHS website; further information about this is in the booklet which will accompany the tests. As a school we are required to keep a record of all cases however we will not be sent this information by the NHS; we will be providing a survey link shortly to complete each time your child is tested. If they do test positive your household will need to follow the current self-isolation guidelines and they will also need to take a follow up PCR test to confirm this result.

We appreciate that you may be concerned about the asymptomatic testing regime so if you have any questions please email school@raynespark.merton.sch.uk

Thank you for your support and understanding during this time.

Yours faithfully,

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