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Broad oak School

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NHS Test and Trace: COVID-19 testing for Pupils

Dear Parent/Guardian,

You may have heard that testing for those without coronavirus symptoms will once again take place in secondary schools at the start of the new term COVID-19 tests known as 'lateral flow devices', which produce immediate results. This letter is to give you more information about the testing programme at Broad oak School.

Please find attached two documents (test information and a privacy statement). It is important that you read these documents carefully. The school cannot test your child without your consent. It is vital that if you wish to take part in the testing process that you complete and return the consent form ahead of your first test. Paper consent forms are also available at the School reception.

Consent can be given immediately below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1caDlh1s_kq8ZNwFwGpKQ09NFWMKHP4ycgPadXA0jKkA

If you would prefer your son/daughter not to be involved in rapid testing; this can also be done immediately:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1YEGlTrszSa_2gQGhISF1JqzCovzgVjYbkl2KS5LbiY

Up to one third of people who have coronavirus are asymptomatic. By testing we will help to reduce the spread in the school setting through asymptomatic transmission, and reduce absences. I am therefore strongly encouraging those returning to school to be tested.

Plan for testing

We will be looking to test pupils on their return to school during the week commencing 7th September. They will be tested on 2 occasions over a two-week period.

How the tests work

Those taking the self-administered test will be supervised and assisted by trained staff. The lateral flow tests are quick and easy to undertake, using a swab of the nose and throat. The school will inform the pupil of a positive test result. You will also receive a text/email notification of a positive or negative result from the online NHS system. Tests are free of charge.

We will support our staff and pupils throughout, but please contact us if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,

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