

**Re: Pupil testing at Leytonstone School – IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

Dear families,

We are very excited to be preparing to welcome pupils back to school next week. Our priority is ensuring that pupils can begin to re-engage themselves with school and their learning in a safe environment.

Many of you have provided consent for your children to take part in the lateral flow test programme. This letter outlines how this will work.

**Teaching and learning on testing days**

**Testing days will be remote learning days for the year groups being tested.** This is the case both for pupils who have consent to be tested and those who have not. This means that pupils will come to school for their lateral flow test and will then return home to continue their learning for the remainder of the day.

We do not have capacity to run mass testing and also maintain the safe running of a full school.

This arrangement will only last for as long as the required testing window. All year groups will be back in school for uninterrupted face-to-face learning on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March.**

**Testing days**

- 48 hours prior to the testing window you will receive a text asking you to give final confirmation that your child will be taking part in the upcoming testing window.
- When confirmation is received, you will receive an appointment slot for your child to attend school and take the lateral flow test.
- Pupils must arrive at school five minutes before their appointment slot via the main school gate. They will be met and supervised by a member of the senior leadership team.
- Pupils will return home after they have been tested and will learn remotely for the remainder of the day.
- **You will only be contacted if your child's test is POSITIVE for Covid19.**
- If your child tests positive, you will need to access a PCR test and begin a 10-day period of self-isolation. Local PCR testing centres are listed at the end of this letter.
- If you do not hear from the school, you can assume that your child's test is negative for Covid19.
- If your child's test is negative, they should return to school the following day and commence face-to-face teaching and learning.

**I have not given consent for my child to take part in lateral flow testing – what is the case for my child?**

If you have made the decision to not consent to your child taking part in lateral flow testing, your child will return to school the day following the testing of their year group.

As you can imagine, planning for on-site lateral flow testing is a huge undertaking for the school. We are doing our very best to ensure that we can all move to continuous face-to-face learning as soon as possible.

The testing schedule is attached for your perusal. If anything changes, I will be in contact with you all as soon as possible.

Please keep an eye for the first confirmation text for Year 11 testing being released tomorrow.

Thank you for your patience and continued support,

Yours faithfully,  
J McQuaid

**Mobile test sites in Waltham Forest offering Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests for residents with symptoms:**

**Stanley Road car park, Leyton E10 7EQ:**

- Open every day between 7am to 9pm

**Linford Road car park, Walthamstow E17 3LS:**

- Open every day 7.30am to 8.30pm

**Church Lane car park, Leytonstone E11 1HG:**

Please note: this site is walk-in only.

- Open every day from 8am to 8pm

Testing schedule (any changes will be communicated as soon as possible)

Date	Year groups	Testing window
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	11	12:00 to 2:30pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	10 & 8	8:30am to 1:30pm
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	9 & 7	8:30am – 2:30pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	11	12:00 to 2:30pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	10 & 8	8:30am to 1:30pm
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	9 & 7	8:30am – 2:30pm
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	10 & 8	8:30am to 1:30pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	9 & 7	8:30am – 2:30pm

**Face to face learning days (for negative Covid19 pupils and untested pupils):**

**Year 7** – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

**Year 8** – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>, Friday 12<sup>th</sup>, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

**Year 9** - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

**Year 10** - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>, Friday 12<sup>th</sup>, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

**Year 11** – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March. Remote revision for examinations on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Examinations commence on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Testing cycle

5<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>  
March

**1. Test confirmation text received (48 hours prior)**

**2. Receive appointment slot (24 hours prior)**

**3. Pupils arrive for testing and then work remotely for the rest of the day**

**4. Receive test result (if positive for Covid19, obtain PCR test and isolate for 10 days)**

**5. Pupils with negative tests return to school for face-to-face learning the next day - along with those who have not consented to testing**