

Re: Pupil testing at Leytonstone School (September 2021) – 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 begin to re-engage themselves with school and their learning as soon as possible.

The DfE has instructed schools to test pupils for Covid19 twice at the start of the new term.

Many of you provided consent for your child/children to take part in the lateral flow test programme back in March 2021. We will carry this information forward for this new testing window.

If you did not provide consent for pupil testing but you would like to now, please follow this link <https://forms.gle/d7a3VyRqDejtDPHf6> and complete your child's details.

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.

Independent preparation tasks in Maths, English and Science will be made available for pupils on their Google Classroom year group page.

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 **Wednesday 8th September.**

Testing days

- 24 hours prior to the testing window, 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 either the main school gate or the Sport Centre gate on Forest Road. 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. 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.

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

Thank you for your patience and continued support,

Yours faithfully,
J McQuaid

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

Date	Year group/s	Testing window and pupil numbers
Tuesday 31 st August	7	12:00noon to 3:00pm
Friday 3 rd September	8 to 11 (remote learning)	9:00am to 3:00pm
Monday 6 th September	7 (remote learning)	9:00am to 12noon
Tuesday 7 th September	8 to 11 (remote learning)	9:00am to 3:00pm

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

Year 7 – Thursday 2nd, Friday 3rd and Tuesday 7th September.

Year 8 to 11 – Monday 6th September.