



Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School

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Important Reminder - Lateral Flow Home Tests

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please could you make sure that your child has carried out a LFD Covid test using their home test kit before returning to school tomorrow. I have been in contact with the Hertfordshire Public Health team over the last week and they are asking schools to make regular testing a priority. There have been a number of positive cases in local schools recently and, since many children are asymptomatic or only experience mild symptoms, carrying out home tests are vital in picking up cases quickly and preventing wider spread of infection. Your child should continue to test themselves twice every week, ideally on Wednesday and Sunday evenings.

Please report the result of each test to us using this Google Form

<https://forms.gle/1Czh7GaSZMNTWwGt8>

Also report it to the NHS here: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>.

If the result of the test is unclear (void) you should do another test.

If anyone tests positive then the whole household and any support bubbles must self-isolate immediately in line with NHS Test and Trace guidance for 10 days. **Please inform the school immediately of a positive result by phone using the school number.** Use this emergency number only if you need to notify us of a positive result at **evenings or weekends**: 07592 756504. You should complete a confirmatory PCR test. This should be booked through NHS Test & Trace: [NHS Test](https://www.nhs.uk/test-and-trace). If this is negative then you can come out of self-isolation.

A negative result does not guarantee that you are not carrying the virus. All pupils should therefore continue to follow social distancing and other measures to reduce transmission such as wearing a face mask in communal areas and regularly washing/sanitising hands and observing social distancing. Thank you again for your help and support with this. We are doing everything we can at school to minimise the chances of having to send large numbers of pupils home to self-isolate and this is one action that you can take to help us with this.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Wood
Headteacher

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