

8 March 2021

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to normal school to all of you. It was a pleasure to see the children running back into school today and it is like they have never been away. The children have all had a fabulous day getting back to normal and reacquainting themselves with the usual classroom routines. There has been plenty of time to chat and to play, and all children are settled already.

We just have a few things to update you on, as follows:

DFE Update

NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week that all adults in households with school and college age children, without symptoms, can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles. Tests are fast, easy and completely free. Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below. Secondary school and college students will continue to access testing through their school or college. Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus.

There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees;
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests;
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

For more information look at [Rapid lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#). A new national website page showing testing sites has also gone live: <https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test. Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

Pesach Update

The children will be working hard preparing for Pesach during the two weeks we are in school this term. We will be holding separate class Sederim on Thursday 18th March. Your children are welcome to wear their Shabbat clothes, throughout the day, for this special occasion. Our thanks go to Mrs Goodman and Mrs Green for helping us organise the food and necessary resources so the children can have a meaningful Seder. The children are also busy preparing Haggadot which will be sent home on the last day of term.

PE

Reminder children should wear their PE kit on their PE day. There is no PE on Thursday 18th March as we are having the Class Sederim.

Friday Finishing Times

For the next two Fridays (12th and 19th March), we will be finishing school at 2.00pm (Reception and KS1) and 2.10pm (Years 3-6).

Best Wishes

Hayley Gross