



Dear Respected Parents/Guardians, Assalamu alaikum (peace be with you),

RE: Surge testing with PCR Tests

Pupils to pick up their free PCR Covid-19 Tests at School

As you may know, Slough Borough Council will be carrying out additional Covid-19 testing after the Delta Variant, was found in our community. We have been asked to take part in additional testing, using a 'PCR test' which is processed in a laboratory. These tests allow Public Health England to see if there are any cases of the variant in our school.

There is currently no evidence that this variant causes more severe illness or that it makes vaccines less effective. The Government believes that this variant is more transmissible than the previous one – in other words, it passes more easily from person to person.

To help keep our friends, family and colleagues safe, **we will be providing PCR testing kits to all pupils today, Friday 2nd July**. Please ensure your daughter administers the PCR in adult presence. Once completed, seal the PCR and return this to School on **Monday 5th July in the morning**. Your daughter will be able to drop the sealed PCR test into her Year group box at reception. Eden Girls will have all the PCR collected on Monday Morning for testing. **Please do not POST this PCR test. You daughter should take the test on Sunday 4th July and have this ready to hand in on Monday 5th July in Reception.**

By collecting the PCR kit, this acts as consent. However, if your daughter brings home a PCR and you do not wish for her to use it, then there is no obligation to do so.

To receive your test result, **you must register your child's test prior to dropping off at school**. Please see **attached PDF for instruction and ignore the instructions in the PCR test kit**.

After you have completed your test, go to <https://test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/register-kit> or call **119**. The test results will be then communicated directly to you as the parent or guardian of the child taking the test.

If your child tests positive, has any symptoms, or are contact traced following contact with someone who tests positive, then you and your family should self-isolate immediately in line with the guidance on GOV.UK. The more cases we find, the better chance we have at stopping it spreading. Please help to keep our school safer by participating in the testing.

The same national guidance continues to apply in areas where new variants have been identified and education settings can remain open. All pupils and staff should continue to follow national guidance, including **'hands, face, space, fresh air'** and take a rapid LFD Covid-19 test twice a week, even if you don't have symptoms.

For more information please visit:

[Surge testing for new coronavirus \(COVID-19\) variants - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

[Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Yours faithfully,

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