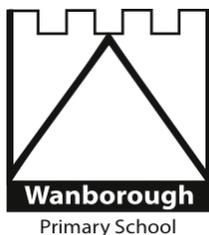


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Dear Parents

With March 8th and the return to schools quickly approaching, can I firstly thank everybody for their incredible efforts since we returned from the Christmas holidays. I know everyone has worked extremely hard to make the best of the situation we have faced and I hope the return to school will be welcomed by all. I hope the children are excited about seeing their friends and the adults in school again. Whilst workbooks won't be marked, children can bring them in on Monday morning if they so desire.

To help with the transition back to school please find attached a poster/information for both children and parents. There are a few reminders on it and in particular I'd like to highlight the need for parents to remain distanced from other parents/children when dropping off and collecting, which I hope everyone will adhere to. Whilst it's great we are all back on Monday, the need to follow these procedures is as important as ever in keeping us all safe and minimising future disruptions to learning. For further clarification on face coverings I've taken the guidance from yesterday's DfE daily update. There was also some guidance on travelling to school. I've been informed Hooper's Field car park will be open, so please use this option to help ease the car parking around the school.

Face coverings:

Children in primary schools do not need to wear a face covering and they should not be asked to wear one. Dr Susan Hopkins, the Chief Medical Adviser for NHS Test and Trace, has said that "the consensus among educationalists, public health and clinical specialists is that it is not advisable for primary school children to wear face coverings. That is why Public Health England has not recommended to the Department for Education that they should be worn by primary pupils in the classroom. Children need to see facial expressions to develop their communication and language skills and practically, they can have difficulties keeping them on all day."

Travelling to school:

If you live a short distance from your school or college, walk, cycle or scoot to and from school wherever it is possible and safe to do so and if driving avoid sharing a car with anyone outside of your household or support bubble.

Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college:

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.



Tests are fast, easy and completely free. 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 – 11pm.

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.

Where can I collect my kits?

Local collection points are :

- *Wroughton Park and Ride*
- *Broadgreen*

What time are they open?

Collection points are open from 1.30pm to 7pm at the moment but this may change so it is best to check online if the location is open or busy before you go on [Find a test centre \(test-and-trace.nhs.uk\)](http://www.test-and-trace.nhs.uk) You do not need to make an appointment.

How many tests will I receive?

Each pack contains 7 tests. You can collect 2 packs of home test kits.

Who can collect the tests?

Anyone 18 or over can collect.

Full guidance below

[Rapid lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

As mentioned in my previous letter, children can come to school dressed in their PE kit on the days they have PE. See below:

PE Days - Term 4

Reception	Monday and Wednesday
Year 1	Tuesday and Friday
Year 2	Thursday and Friday
Year 3	Thursday and Friday
Year 4	Monday and Tuesday
Year 5	Monday and Thursday
Year 6	Wednesday and Friday



Finally, please see below message from Miss Corbyn.

I have signed up to complete a 26 mile Hike around the Brecon Beacons in July to raise money for Alzheimer's Society. I am trekking with my wonderful mum and our training has already begun! Any donations to support this cause would be greatly appreciated! Thank you, Miss Corbyn



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Have a lovely weekend, and I look forward to seeing you all at the gate again on Monday morning!

Yours sincerely,

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