

Aylesford School

and Sixth Form College



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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your support in enabling your child/ren a successful transition back into school.

Whilst we appreciate that the staggered start and finish times pose some logistical issues, it is imperative that drop off and collection times are adhered to.

It is very important that children arrive on time for their classes, and at their agreed allocated times. Arriving just a few minutes early or late to school has a significant impact upon our ability to limit the crossing of bubbles, particularly in Years 4 and 5 where the entrance to the school building is shared. May I also politely remind you of the importance of supervising younger siblings when on the school playground.

Lateral Flow Tests

The Government has confirmed that if you are a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of a pupil at school or a member of staff you can get twice weekly tests. These are available by either attending a local test site, ordering a home test kit or collecting a home test kit from a test site.

Lateral Flow Tests are for testing non-symptomatic people within the community and have proven to help reduce the spread of Covid-19. Please visit the link below to find your nearest rapid lateral flow test site, your nearest home test kit collection site or order home test kits.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

What does twice weekly testing involve?

You will be asked to:

- take a test twice a week (every 3 or 4 days apart)
- report every result to NHS Test and Trace on the same day you take the test
- [Report your test result online](#) or by calling 119.

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If anyone tests positive or gets coronavirus symptoms, they should tell the school and:

- self-isolate immediately
- get a PCR test to confirm the result
- follow the [stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection](#)

A negative result means the test did not find signs of coronavirus. But this does not guarantee you do not have coronavirus, so you should keep following all coronavirus advice including:

- regular handwashing
- social distancing
- wearing a face covering where recommended

Music Lessons and Dance Clubs

We are pleased to be able to welcome back our peripatetic music teachers after the Easter holidays when we will be in a position to recommence the children's music lessons. Independent Music Solutions will be in touch directly with the families that this is applicable to.

Frankie from Zest will also be back with us to start her after-school dance club once more. Further information will be sent out with details.

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding as we continue to prioritise the safety of our school community.

Yours faithfully



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Director of Primary Education