

8 June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **INSET Day and COVID-19 Surge Testing – Years 7-10 & 12**

Wednesday 9 June is an INSET Day. This is to allow our teaching staff time to complete the summer grading exercise for examination groups. Students do not attend school on Wednesday.

#### **Surge Testing in Hounslow – Your Support is Needed**

We are asking all students with consent to **undertake a PCR test, at home on the INSET day**, to support the surge testing in the borough **and** to return the completed test to the school on **Thursday morning**.

Please note that tests must be returned to us on Thursday as they have to be sent away for analysis. The students will be able to drop their completed tests in a box on arrival in school.

Your son/daughter/ward will be issued a PCR test kit on Tuesday afternoon. The kit contains full instructions on how to do the test. In addition, instructions for registering the test are included on the next page of this letter.

#### **Hounslow Testing Sites**

We have also been asked to encourage family members to also get tested at one of the local PCR testing sites, as concern remains about the spread of the Delta variant, which first appeared in India. In addition, pop-up vaccination centres continue to be available to local residents. All information on Hounslow's testing and vaccination programmes can be found [here](#).

I thank you again for your support.

Yours faithfully,



**Euan Ferguson**  
Headteacher

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## Surge Testing Hounslow (June 2021) Instructions for Students

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<b>BASED ON:</b>	FEF	<b>DATE:</b>	7 June 2021
<b>FOR USE BY:</b>	All Students Self-Testing		

Due to the Variant of Concern (B.1.617.2) in Hounslow, we have been asked to undertake PCR tests throughout the school community.

The programme is not open to anyone who has tested positive in the last 90 days as the test will result in unnecessary isolation.

### Important

All tests have to be taken on **Wednesday 9 June** and returned to school on **Thursday 10 June**.

Collection boxes will be available at school.

### Register your Test

This must be done before taking the swab. It is best done using a mobile device.

These are the step-by-step instructions for the online registration:

- [www.gov.uk/register-home-test](https://www.gov.uk/register-home-test)
- Click 'Start Now'
- Click 'Myself'
- Click 'Continue without an account'
- Scan or enter the barcode found on the test tube
- Click 'Continue'
- Did you travel overseas in the last 14 days? Answer correctly from the options
- Where are you taking your test? Answer 'At home or an accommodation of your choice'
- Enter the Royal Mail barcode: Answer **I do not know my Royal Mail barcode** at the bottom of the page
- Enter the date and time of the test

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- Enter your details
  - Enter your Date of birth
  - Enter the medical record questions on gender, ethnicity
  - Do you travel to Nursery, work or place of education? Answer: **Yes**
  - Which place to you attend? Answer: **Secondary school**
  - Enter the details of this place. Answer: **Isleworth and Syon School for Boys, Hounslow.**
  - Do you currently have coronavirus symptoms? Answer **No** (otherwise you should not be in school)
  - Have you tested positive before? **Answer correctly from the options**
  - Have you had a COVID vaccine? **Answer correctly from the options**
  - When did you have the vaccine? **Answer correctly from the options**
  - What country do you live in? Answer: **England**
  - What is the home address? **Enter first line of address plus postcode**
  - Do you have an email address? Answer **'Yes' and type in your email address**
  - What is your mobile number? **Type in your mobile phone number**
  - Do you have a landline number? **Answer correctly**
  - Do you know your NHS number? Answer **'Yes'** if you have it. If not, **'No I do not'**

This ends the registration process.

## Taking the Test

Testing instructions are provided in your test kit box. **You only need to refer to pages 9-15.**

A video on how to undertake the tests can be seen at

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AsfC6IKhIghthgdYyC\\_p7zp\\_wBOuvSnz/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AsfC6IKhIghthgdYyC_p7zp_wBOuvSnz/view?usp=sharing)

The completed test only needs to be in the sealed bags but not in the small box that comes with each kit. This can be discarded.

Remember to bring your completed test back to school on Thursday morning, so that we can send it away for analysis.