

18th December 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

Return to school: Getting your child tested

We hope you have a lovely Christmas break and that your child will be ready to start back at school in January. As term starts again, it is very important that children don't come back to school if they may have Covid.

Please consider getting your child tested for covid before term starts. Getting a test is easy. You can attend one of the rapid test stations in Luton – you don't need to make an appointment and they are open 8am – 8pm, 7 days a week at:

- Lewsey Community Centre
- Farley Community Centre
- Central Library

If it is easier for you, you can request a home test. You can order up to four tests at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> . If possible, please order your test(s) the same day that you received this letter. Please follow the ordering guidance on the website, and when prompted, please tick the box stating that you have been asked to order a test by your local authority.

If you have any questions about how to order a test kit, or are unable to order a test online, please call 119 between 7am and 11pm, informing the call handler that you are a Luton resident taking part in community testing.

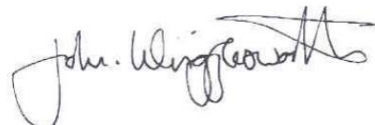
Your child should **not** come back to school if:

- they have any symptoms of coronavirus (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste)
- they've tested positive for coronavirus in the last 10 days
- they live with someone who has symptoms or tested positive in the last 10 days
- Someone in your support bubble has symptoms or tested positive
- they're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app
- You have arrived in the UK from a country with a high coronavirus risk in the last 10 days

Yours faithfully



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