



Blackfen School for Girls

Raising aspirations - releasing potential

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Dear parents/carers,

It has been so good to see all the students back in school this week. Thank you, firstly for your support and work over the last few months while your daughter/son has been learning at home. Secondly, thank you for your support and engagement for the testing programme in school. On your behalf, I would also like to thank staff for their work over these last few months in supporting remote work and learning. I would also like to specifically thank the testing team in leading the testing in school.

Testing

We are now embarking on the second test in school for students. After this, all students who have consent, will be tested for a third and final time in school. At the third test they will be provided with 2 boxes of home self-tests. Each box contains 3 test kits. It is really important that they bring these home and that they use these regularly over the coming weeks to help to reduce the rate of transmission of Covid-19.

Risk assessments

There is an updated risk assessment as we ease out of lockdown. This is accompanied by an action plan. There is also a lateral flow testing risk assessment which has recently been reviewed. All 3 documents are available on the website. If you would like a paper copy, please let the school know. In addition, if you have any comments on these, please let the school know. The risk assessments and action plans are working documents and any comments are considered when the documents are reviewed.

Finally, testing and wearing face coverings are only part of the systems of control in place. Social distancing, both in school and outside school, is crucial in keeping transmission rates very low. Students need to understand this on their way to and from school. The legislation remains in place. Young people must not gather in groups. They must travel direct to and from school. We have worked so hard to get us to the position we are in and we do not want to be in a position where we have to return to lockdown.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Brown
Head Teacher

