



# Blackfen School for Girls

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Dear parents/carers,

This information has been sent to us from Bexley to communicate with you.

## **Asymptomatic testing for parents and adults in households with children at school or college**

NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week that all adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid Covid-19 testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Secondary school and college students will continue to access testing through their school or college. Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

There are different ways for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through an 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 – but only if testing cannot be access through other routes, as this frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

**Parents and carers in the support bubble for secondary school pupils will need to take regular no symptom rapid tests. They can collect home testing kits from the four sites below from 1.30pm – 8pm from Friday 5 March onwards. Please note that you cannot collect testing kits from these sites in the mornings.**

- 221 Erith Road, Bexleyheath DA7 6HZ
- Felixstowe Road car park, Abbey Wood SE2 9RZ
- The Vine Christian Community Church, Axminster Crescent, Welling DA16 1HF
- Westwood Car Park, Welling DA16 3QS

You can find out more about these sites at [www.bexley.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/services-status/local-covid-testing-centre](http://www.bexley.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/services-status/local-covid-testing-centre)”.

More information will follow for arrangements after 15 March 2021. PH advise us that this is a 16-week programme at this time.

**Home testing instructions translated into multiple languages.**

The DfE has shared this link which provides self-test instructions in 11 other languages, and a short video.

Yours sincerely,



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