



17/01/22

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Covid-19 outbreak management

We would like to inform you that there are a number of confirmed cases of Covid-19 at Beacon Hill Academy 9LDA.

Due to the number of cases in 9LDA, Dudley Council Public Health are advising your child arranges a PCR test, even if they do not have symptoms. This is to help identify any further transmission. **Please note if your child has tested positive within the last 90 days do not get them tested, unless they have a new onset of symptoms.** Your child will not be required to isolate, whilst waiting for their results, unless they are displaying symptoms. However, they are encouraged to undertake daily Lateral Flow Tests whilst waiting for their PCR test result, and:

- If the result is positive, they should isolate for 10 full days, in line with the [guidance](#).
- If the result is negative, they can remain in school and are encouraged to continue to undertake daily Lateral Flow Tests for 7 days after the date of the PCR test. For information on how to access lateral flow test kits visit www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests

These additional measures are to help identify any further transmission.

To book a PCR test visit <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> and tick "I've been told to get a test by my local council, health protection team or healthcare professional" or call 119. Full guidance on how to book a PCR test online if you don't not have symptoms is attached to this letter.

Furthermore, households of nursery, school and college aged children are strongly encouraged to take part in twice-weekly lateral flow testing. This is because 1 in 3 people have coronavirus without displaying symptoms. If all families participate, it gives us the best chance of keeping our academy safe and avoiding further transmission. For information on how to access lateral flow test kits visit www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests

Yours faithfully,
[SIGNATURE]
Mr S Dhami
Principal



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How to book a PCR test online if you do not have symptoms

1. Visit this website: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> and choose 'Start now' near the bottom of the page
2. Select: "No" the person is not an essential worker

Is the person who needs a test an essential worker?

Essential workers include NHS staff, teachers and transport staff. Check the [full list of essential workers on GOV.UK](#).

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No
- ☐ I don't know

Continue

3. Click "Continue" at the bottom of this page

Tests available

! Tests need to go to essential workers first, including NHS and social care staff.

If you cannot get a test now, try again later. Do not call helplines - you will not be able to get a test through the helplines.

Home tests for the general public **AVAILABLE**

Posted to your home and should arrive the day after you order it.

Home test for essential workers **AVAILABLE**

Home test kits prioritised for essential workers.

Test sites

1. Select: "no, they do not currently have symptoms"

Does the person who needs a test currently have any coronavirus symptoms?

- ☐ Yes, they currently have symptoms
- ☒ No, they do not currently have symptoms

! If they have a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or loss or change to their sense of smell or taste, they should stay at home until they get their result. They can leave home to get or post a test.
[Check if people they live with need to self-isolate on NHS.UK.](https://www.nhs.uk/self-isolation/)

4. Select: "No" you have not been asked to get a follow-up test

Has the person been asked to get a follow-up test?

For example, their first test was unclear or they need to confirm a possible positive result.

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Continue

5. Select: "No" you are not part of a trial

Is the person who needs a test part of a trial or government pilot project?

For example, they:

- are attending an event that is part of the Events Research Programme
- were told to get a test by the COVID Symptom Study app (by ZOE)
- are taking a test before a dental procedure (Dental Patient Testing)

☐ Yes

☒ No

Continue

6. Select: "I've been told to get a test by my local council, health protection team or healthcare professional"

Why are you asking for a test?

If you are getting a test for someone you live with, answer for them

- ☐ I've been in contact with someone who's tested positive for coronavirus
- ☐ I was asked to get a test because I visited a venue where others have since tested positive
- ☐ I've been told to get a test by my nursery, work or place of education
- ☒ I've been told to get a test by my local council, health protection team or healthcare professional
- ☒ My local council or health protection team has asked me to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms
- ☐ A GP or other healthcare professional has asked me to get a test

or

7. Complete the rest of the form with details.

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If you order a home test kit make sure you post this into a priority post-box to return it. You can find where they are located at <https://www.royalmail.com/priority-postboxes>



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