

23 August 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

Covid Testing - Arrangements for returning to Crosshill 2021

I hope you have had an enjoyable summer break, we are looking forward to welcoming the pupils back on the 2nd September.

Please can we ask for your continued support and help to test pupils in line with the Government's public health Covid campaign.

When to test?

To help identify cases and stop transition, we request that pupils are tested in the evening on:

Wednesday 1st September and again on Sunday 5th September 2021.

The options for testing are below:

- **Self test at home kits - Lateral Flow Device Test (LFD)**

Please use the LFD kit to test your child or support them to test themselves if 12+. Kits were sent home at the end of term or can be picked up free from chemists or school and other venues.

A leaflet giving instructions on how to do the test are in the test kit. There is also a useful video to show you how to take the test [here](#).

Report positive, negative and void results to NHS Test and Trace detailed in the test kit. Inform Crosshill if the result is Positive.

- **Supported testing in school**

If you would like support to carry out the test, on site asymptomatic testing is available Wednesday 1st September from 10.30 until 12 and Monday 6 September (by appointment only)– ring Crosshill to book or via email to pthornton576@crosshill.blackburn.sch.uk

What to do if I think my child has covid?

If your child has a positive lateral flow device test (LFD) or has symptoms of Covid please inform school, isolate your child, book a PCR test and follow national guidelines.

Why testing is important?

Taking part in testing is voluntary and all children will be able to attend Crosshill whether they take part in testing or not.

However, I am strongly encouraging all children to take part. Testing at home will allow your child and other children to attend Crosshill and help to reduce the spread of the virus.

Why do we need to continue to test?

Testing twice weekly is helping us stay ahead of the virus by spotting new outbreaks quickly and plan our response. The preparations that schools are advised to take are subject to further public health advice and the latest position on prevalence of the COVID-19 virus.

We will continue to send test kits home for you to test your child twice weekly on a Sunday and Thursday unless you notify us that you do not require them.

Please contact Paula Thornton our COVID Coordinator, if you have any questions or concerns about home testing.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully



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