



BEVERLEY HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Carer and Student

I hope that this letter finds you safe and well.

As you will have read in my letter dated Friday 26 February 2021, we intend to begin lateral flow testing of Key Worker/Vulnerable children on Thursday 4 March. This is in order to alleviate some of the pressure on the on-site testing facility between Monday 8 March and Thursday 18 March.

On Thursday we will be testing Key Worker/Vulnerable students in Years 9, 10 and 11 only. This test will be regarded as the first of their three lateral flow tests, as such they will not need to complete Test 3 alongside the rest of their year group on Tuesday 16 March or Wednesday 17 March. On Thursday your child will undertake their test alongside their current bubble during the morning. They should arrive at school as usual and go to their bubble classroom, at the relevant time a message will be relayed to your child to attend the Sports Hall.

Your child will enter the Sports Hall via the electronic doors, register in the Dance Studio and wait to be called into the right-hand side of the Sports Hall. Your child will be asked to stand on a coloured marker whilst their booth is cleaned and then asked to take a seat at the desk. The unopened swab packet will be waiting on the desk. The swab packet will need to be opened by your child and the test assistant will verbally guide each student through the procedure from behind a Perspex screen. It is not the Test Assistant's role to swab your child, secondary age students are expected to self-swab. There is a mirror in each booth for students to use. It would be helpful if you could talk through the detailed process of lateral flow testing with your child prior to Thursday. Overleaf is an infographic and written instructions which explain the swabbing process.

Once your child has completed their test they should follow the arrows on the floor and go and sit on a chair in the waiting area of the Sports Hall. They will be informed of their test result after approximately 30 minutes. Your child may wish to bring a reading book with them to occupy their time during the waiting period. If their result is negative they will be informed verbally and they will be able to return to their classroom. If their result is positive they will be informed sensitively and you will be contacted to collect them. They will then need to enter self-isolation for ten days as will the rest of your household. Your child's bubble will also be instructed to self-isolate for ten days. A follow up PCR test will not be required as the test has taken place at an on school site testing facility.

If you have not consented to your child being tested, your child will remain in their bubble classroom supervised by the teacher.

If you have any questions about this process please contact the school office.

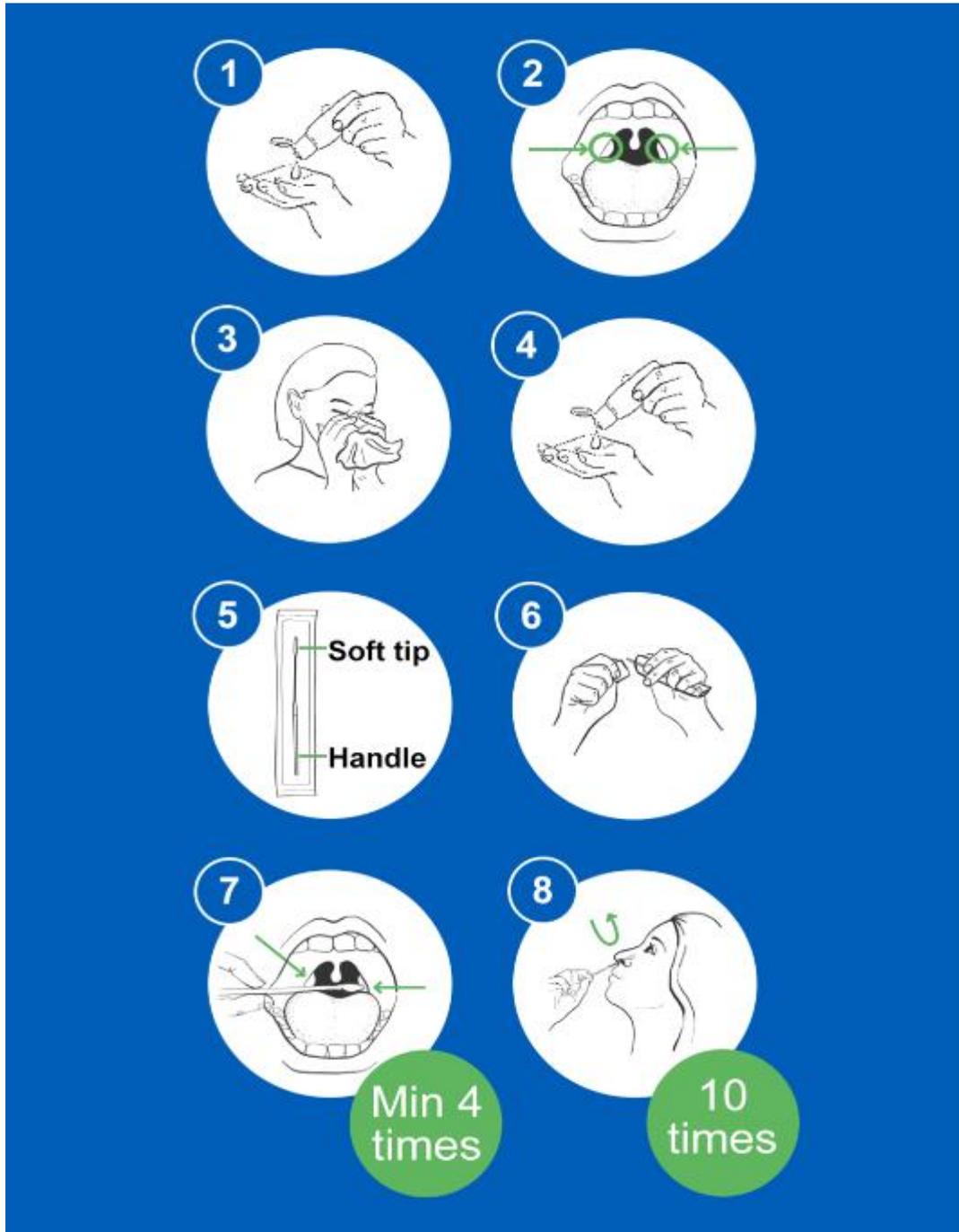


Take care and stay safe

Yours sincerely



Sharon Japp
Headteacher



1. **Sanitise hands**
2. **Locate tonsils** or tonsil area using a mirror
3. **Blow nose** into a tissue, put the used tissue in the healthcare waste bin
4. **Sanitise hands**
5. **Check swab** packet is sealed
6. **Remove swab** holding the handle. Avoid touching the fabric tip as this will make the test invalid
7. **Open mouth** and rub the swab on each tonsil or tonsil area at least four times
8. **Insert swab** into nostril until there is slight resistance and roll the swab firmly around the inside of the nostril, making 10 complete circles

