



BEVERLEY HIGH SCHOOL



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NHS Test and Trace: COVID-19 testing for Students/Pupils

Dear Parent /Carer,

As explained in my September Arrangements letter sent on 22nd July, we are being asked to mass test for those without coronavirus symptoms at the beginning of the new term in September. This letter is to help give you more information about the testing programme in our school.

Up to one third of people who have coronavirus are asymptomatic. By testing we will help to reduce the spread in school through asymptomatic transmission. I am therefore strongly encouraging those returning to school to be tested in our testing centre, as they did in March.

Plan for testing

We will be looking to test all secondary school pupils as they return to school.

How the tests work

Those taking the test will be supervised by trained staff and volunteers. The lateral flow tests are quick and easy to undertake, using a swab of the throat and/or nose. Results (which take around half an hour from testing) will be shared directly with the individual participant. The school will inform the pupil of a positive test result. Where participants are under 16, parents or legal guardians will also be informed. The pupil will also receive a text/email notification of a positive or negative result from the online NHS system. Tests are free of charge.

What if my child tests positive?

If a pupil tests positive on a lateral flow device, they will need to self-isolate for 10 days and follow the guidance from NHS Test and Trace.

What happens if the test is negative?

While a small number of pupils may need to repeat the test if the first test was invalid or void for some reason, pupils who test negative will be able to resume their activities as normal. Pupils will be informed of negative test results via text/email. Where participants are under 16, parents or legal guardians will also be informed.



What if students have been in close contact with someone in school who tests positive?

Individuals will be notified that they are a close contact by the school and will need to follow the current relevant Government guidance.

What if my child develops symptoms?

This testing programme at school is for people with **no** symptoms. If your child develops symptoms at any time (including a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste) they must immediately self-isolate and book a test by calling 119 or visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

What happens next?

Parents/carers should complete the consent form, as soon as possible, through this link <https://go.beverleyhigh.net/covidtestingconsentform> which will also be shared to emails. If you cannot, or would prefer not, to use the link you may complete a paper consent form available on our website or from the School Office by calling 01482 881658.

Paper consent forms should be posted to: Headteacher, (COVID-19 Testing), Beverley High School, Norwood, Beverley, East Riding of Yorkshire, HU17 9EX

Schedule

The schedule for tests is as follows:

- Monday 6th September 2021 – Individual first appointments for Year 7 and Year 13 students
- Tuesday 7th September 2021 - Individual first appointments for Year 10 and Year 11 students
- Wednesday 8th September 2021 - Individual first appointments for Year 8 and Year 9 students

LFT arrangements for Year 12 students are being organised by Beverley Grammar School. Please refer to their communications.

Students will not be in school on these days and so will need to attend for their individual appointments which will be sent to you towards the end of the summer holiday. Second tests will take place on Thursday 9th, Friday 10th and Monday 13th September when students will come out of lessons for their appointments.

We will support our staff and pupils throughout, but please contact us if you have any questions. You can contact the office by emailing office@beverleyhigh.net

Yours sincerely



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