

# Rokesly Infant and Nursery School

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At Rokesly...

**Our community is warm and welcoming**

**Learning is fun and fascinating**

**We celebrate the things that make us special**

**We challenge ourselves to go further**



## ♥ WELCOME BACK TO ROKESLY ♥

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well and preparing for your child to return to school next week. We are very excited!!

As you will know from my last letter, Rokesly staff are being asked to have a rapid flow test twice a week. About 1 in 3 people with coronavirus do not have symptoms but can still pass it on to others. With the return of schools from next week, regular testing of people without symptoms will help to stop the virus spreading within school and keep more pods open.

### **Primary school pupils will not be asked to test at this time.**

On 1 March 2021, it was announced that if you're a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of **staff or a pupil**, you can now get a twice-weekly test, too. This is great news that means all Rokesly parents, carers and the people that support our children are eligible for testing. We have just received information that says you can access a test:

- through your employer if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit online

### **Get a test through your employer**

Your workplace may offer rapid lateral flow testing to you. Contact your employer to find out more.

### **Take a test at a rapid lateral flow test site**

You can take a rapid lateral flow test at a local site. Testing at these sites is assisted, which means you will swab yourself under the supervision of a trained operator.

You may need to book an appointment.

[Find your nearest rapid lateral flow test site.](#)

### **Collect test kits**

You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Each pack contains 7 tests. Anyone 18 or over can collect. You can check online if the location is busy before you go.

[Find your nearest home test kit collection point.](#)

### **Order home test kits online**

If you cannot get tested at your workplace, or are unable to go to a test site or collect test kits, you can order a home test kit online.

Do not order online if you can get a test through other methods. This frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

[Order rapid lateral flow home test kits](#)

### **What twice-weekly testing involves**

You will be asked to:

- take a test twice a week (every 3 or 4 days apart)
- report every result to NHS Test and Trace on the same day you take the test

[Report your test result online](#) or by calling 119.

If anyone tests positive or gets coronavirus symptoms, they should tell the school and:

- self-isolate immediately
- get a PCR test to confirm the result
- follow the [stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection](#)

A negative result means the test did not find signs of coronavirus. But this does not guarantee you do not have coronavirus, so you should keep following all [coronavirus advice](#) including:

- regular handwashing
- social distancing
- wearing a face covering where recommended

Results are returned in 30 minutes and household isolation is only required if a result is returned positive or 2 void results (pending a PCR test)

A link to the full guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

Find out about [childcare bubbles](#) and [support bubbles](#).

[Learn what rapid lateral flow testing is and why it's being used.](#)

### **Remember: If you have coronavirus symptoms**

The most important symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If you have symptoms of COVID-19, arrange to have a PCR test if you have not already had one.

Stay at home while you are waiting for a home self-sampling kit, a test site appointment or a test result. Do not use the rapid lateral flow testing service as this is only for people without

symptoms. Members of your household, support bubble or childcare bubble must also isolate

Please notify the school of a positive case in your family:  **covid-report@rokesly-inf.haringey.sch.uk**

### **Other reminders**

Although we want to encourage children to walk, scoot and bike to school, we will still not be able to store bikes and scooters on the school grounds when the children return. We are hoping to have storage for each year group soon, so please watch this space.

Tomorrow we are celebrating **World Book Day**, and all classes will be having their own dress-up zoom. We are really looking forward to seeing you all there! There will also be story videos for you to watch from our mystery masked storytellers – can you guess who they are?

We are all really busy getting ready to see you and your children on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September**.

It is going to be quite a reunion!

Don't be late.

Grant