



NEWS FLASH

Friday 22nd January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you of the **rapid asymptomatic coronavirus (COVID-19) testing for staff** in primary schools that the government is rolling out next week.

Message from the government

Following the launch of rapid asymptomatic coronavirus (COVID-19) testing in secondary schools, staff in primary, school-based nurseries and maintained nursery schools are also being offered the opportunity to take part in regular asymptomatic testing.

It remains imperative that the system of controls continues to be rigorously applied to enable the safest possible environment. The testing programme is an important addition to supporting leaders to maintain the continuity of education through the pandemic.

Staff will be asked to take their test kits home and carry out the test twice a week. Staff must report their result to NHS Test and Trace as soon as the test is completed and will also share their result with their school to help with contact tracing.

Staff with a positive LFD test result will need to self-isolate in line with the stay-at-home guidance. They will also need to arrange a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test to confirm the result. Staff with a negative LFD test result can continue to attend school or nursery and use protective measures.

The asymptomatic testing programme does not replace the current testing policy for those with symptoms. Anyone with symptoms (even if they recently had a negative LFD test result), should still self-isolate immediately according to government guidelines.

(Rapid asymptomatic coronavirus (COVID-19) testing for staff in primary schools, school-based nurseries and maintained nursery schools, published 18 January 2021)

What does this mean for your child?

With this information in mind, we feel it necessary to forewarn parents/carers of potential bubble closures both:

- temporary (if a staff member gets a positive lateral flow test result and is waiting for results from the PCR testing, the bubble will need to close in the meantime).
- longer term (in the case of staff testing positive on the PCR test and therefore the bubble starting 10 days isolation).

Research tells us that up to a third of the population are probably asymptomatic but would test positive. Whilst hopeful that all our staff testing will remain negative, it is inevitable that more positive results will come to fruition due to the increase in the number of tests taken.

The government have asked that staff test themselves twice per week. We have asked that staff test themselves by 5pm on Tuesdays and Fridays. Whilst a positive result on a Tuesday would give you little notice of a bubble closure, a positive result on a Friday would give you more notice. We will inform you via email and text on Tuesday / Friday evening.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a great weekend.

Best wishes,

Kareen O'Brien

The mission

The mission is to **transform** the experience of children, young people and their families with mental health. They do this by:



- Carrying out research to improve understanding of mental health and resilience and to evaluate and improve the treatments and services children and families are offered.
- Developing new approaches, tools and services to support children, young people and families in distress.
- Teaching and training a new generation of professionals and researchers in the latest skills and tools to improve mental health globally.
- Taking a leading role in the development of policy and practice in the UK and beyond to ensure that it is built on science, tested experience and has the input of children, young people and their families.
- Collaborating nationally and internationally in partnerships which jointly develop a step change in child mental health and wellbeing.

[Helping children and young people to manage anxiety | Guide to managing anxiety in school \(annafreud.org\)](https://www.annafreud.org/guide-to-managing-anxiety-in-school)

The logo for Boogie Pumps, featuring the text "boogie pumps" in a purple, bubbly font with a small character next to it.

HALF TERM WORKSHOPS

MONDAY→ **BP BOYS**
11 - 11:45 + AGES 5 - 11 + £6.00

TUESDAY→ **MUSICAL THEATRE**
10 - 11 + AGES 5 - 8 + £10.00 + MATILDA
1 - 2 + AGES 7 - 13 + £10.00 + ALADDIN

WEDNESDAY→ **STREET DANCE**
10 - 11 + AGES 4 - 7 + £6.00
11:15-12:15 + AGES 8 - 11 + £6.00
1 - 2 + AGES 12-18 + £6.00

THURSDAY→ **DISNEY SPECIAL**
10 - 10:45 + AGES 2 - 6 + £6.00 + FROZEN
11 - 12 + AGES 5 - 11 + £7.00 + DECENDENTS

FRIDAY→ **UNDER 5'S**
11 - 11:45 + AGES 2 - 5 + £5.00

WEST END SPECIAL GUESTS



Guildford Family Centre's virtual offer Jan-Feb 2021:

- **Family Advice Sessions** (One on one – Telephone sessions)
 - Runs weekly Mon, Thu, Fri (09.15 -9.45 and 09.45 - 10.15)
 - 30 minutes call with a Family Support Worker
- **SENdsory Advice Sessions** (One on one – Telephone sessions)
 - Every Fri (10.30 - 11.00)
 - For families who have any concerns regarding any aspects of their child's development
- **Freedom** (Virtual 11-week course)
 - Starting Wed 24th Feb 2021 (10.00 -11.30)
 - For women who are living with or who have left abusive relationships
- **Parenting Puzzle** (Virtual 4- Week course)
 - Starting Thurs 21st Jan 2021 (10.30 -11.30)
 - This Nurturing Programme gives you the tools you need to get the best out of your family life.
- **Little Chatterboxes** (Virtual 4- Week course)
 - Starting Fri 22nd Jan 2021 (10.00 -10.30)
 - for families who have concerns regarding their child's language and speech development
- **Welcome to the World** (Virtual 4- Week course)
 - Starting Tue 19th Jan 2021 (14.00 -15.00)
 - For new and expecting parents

All our sessions are free.

Bookings are essential, as places are limited.

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