



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

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3rd March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We are very much looking forward to welcoming your child back in to school next week. I hope this letter gives you all the information you need about the voluntary Lateral Flow Tests for students; three of which will happen in school and then further tests will be conducted at home (should you wish for your child to participate).

Booking the First Test:

As you may know, the first test should be conducted before your child returns to school. To facilitate this, we are offering a booking system on the day that is designated for your child's year group. Test slots can be booked using our Parents Evening Booking System. You will be given a range of 30-minute slots to choose from. Your child can arrive at any time during that 30-minute window. We hope this gives you maximum flexibility, whilst minimising queue times.

To book a slot for your son/daughter, please [click here](#) to log in to the booking system using your son's/daughter's 'legal' first name and surname that matches our records, together with their date of birth. Alternatively, you can visit the Parents/Online Services area of our school website: <http://www.imberhorne.co.uk/online-services-parents> where you can log in and also find answers to some frequently asked questions about the booking system.

If your child does not have a test for whatever reason, they should return to school on the correct day. The test is not compulsory.

Year Group	Test 1	Enter School Site	Queue for Testing	Area for Testing
13	Monday 8th March	Blue gate to the right of the main building by the bus bay	Outside Main Hall, similar to exam line up	Main Hall IL
12	Monday 8th March	Blue gate to the right of the main building by the bus bay	Outside Main Hall, similar to exam line up	Main Hall IL
11	Monday 8th March	Blue gate, to the left of the main building, towards Sports Hall	Along the corridor outside Rooms 404/403 in Sports Hall building	Sports Hall IL
10	Tuesday 9th March	Blue gate, to the left of the main building, towards Sports Hall	Along the corridor outside Rooms 404/403 in Sports Hall building	Sports Hall IL
9	Wednesday 10th March	Usual Year 9 entrance, via Dorset Avenue	Outside Sports Hall door nearest changing rooms	Sports Hall WL
8	Wednesday 10th March	Usual Year 8 Entrance	In the Yr 8 Playground towards MFL block	Gym WL
7	Tuesday 9th March	Usual Year 7 Entrance	Along the corridor outside Rooms 1-4	Main Hall WL

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Other Information:

- Students do not need to wear their uniform for the first test, but they will need a mask.
- Bags and personal items should be kept to a minimum, so that they have their hands free.
- Students should wear their lanyard.
- If you are driving to school, please do not drive or park on the school site. There is a car park at the end of Imberhome Lane, or road parking on Windmill Lane/Dorset Avenue.
- Whilst the actual test is fairly quick, there will be a registration process and possibly a short wait time. Therefore, we anticipate that your son/daughter will be on site for approximately 20 minutes, but this will depend on demand at that time.

Results:

We will contact you by phone, if your child records a positive Covid test. You will receive notification of either a positive or negative result via the NHS, usually within 2 hours. We have experienced some inconsistencies with the Gov.UK Results Recording process over the last few weeks, please do not contact the school if you haven't had the negative result from NHS – we will have contacted you if the result was positive.

Consent:

If you want to test your child at home prior to returning to school, because you have access to home kits – please do. You do not need to inform us of this, nor of the result, unless it is positive.

Sixth Form students complete their own consent form on Edulink. For all other ages, parents/carers need to complete the consent form. If you do not want to consent to testing, you still need to complete the form and click “no” at the end to ensure that we know your child is not to be tested.

FAQs:

Can my child return to school if they have had Covid in the last 90 days? Yes

Can my child come in all day on the testing day? No sorry, all of our staff are supporting the testing programme.

I cannot bring my child into school for their test. If they cannot get in via public transport, on foot, by bike etc. then they will have to miss their test and return to school when their year group returns. They will have 2 tests with the rest of their year group in school on the days we have planned.

Can my child have a Lateral Flow Test if they have had Covid in the last 90 days? Yes, if they wish to (this has recently changed).

Should I tell you my child has had a vaccine? You do not need to do anything. We will ask your child during the registration process.

What if I can't see the consent form in Edulink? Check you are signed into your Edulink account (not your child's), if your child is in the Sixth Form they have to complete their own. If it is not there, you have probably already completed it earlier in the year. Any questions please contact IT support.

I gave consent in January – do I need to do it again? There is no need to do it again, we have the details. If you have changed your mind email the IT department

itsupport@imberhome.co.uk



If my child has had Covid – should I give consent or not? Yes, if you want them to be tested, no if you don't.

My children are in different year groups, can I bring them both in on the same day for testing? No, sorry. All year groups are zoned and have to be kept apart.

My child is anxious about having the test. Don't worry, we will have staff around to support them, but if they are very anxious, they do not have to have it.

When will we get the home testing kits? These will be issued after the 3rd test in school, with instructions.

Can I get any further information about the testing process? Please see here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-covid-19>

Yours faithfully

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