

16<sup>th</sup> December 2020  
09:00

Dear Families,

**Re: Information so far on COVID-19 Testing in Schools Following Announcement on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

Just as we thought things could not get any more demanding in 2020, it was announced yesterday by the government that schools will carry out mass testing for Covid-19 from January 2021. Although it seems to be a great idea as it will help to reduce any lost teaching and learning time, the exact logistics, resources and plans for how this will work for us at Burton Borough School can only happen once we have further guidance from the Department of Education.

The information available to us is exactly the same as the public information released yesterday so unfortunately at this stage, we will not be able to answer any questions on the detail of how it will work, where it will take place, what procedures there will be and who will administer the tests. However, we felt that it was necessary to inform families and make you aware.

While we digest the information over the next few days and over the Christmas holidays, we would be very grateful if families could refrain from contacting school for further information as we just do not have this available yet.

Should you want to read more about the announcement yesterday, information can be found on the following websites:

**Mass Testing in Schools: Your questions answered:** <https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2020/12/15/mass-testing-in-schools-your-questions-answered/>

**Press release/announcement from Gavin Williamson MP, Education Secretary:**  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/secondary-schools-and-colleges-to-get-weekly-coronavirus-testing>

**Coronavirus Asymptomatic Testing guidance:**  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-asymptomatic-testing-in-schools-and-colleges/coronavirus-covid-19-asymptomatic-testing-in-schools-and-colleges>

We will release the information on how this will be carried out at Burton Borough School in the New Year.

Thank you for your support as ever!

Best wishes,



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