

14 July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer.

We have received guidance from the government that we will be required to test all pupils on their return to school in September 2021. The aim is to ensure that we start the year safely and prevent the continuation of bubbles and large groups of pupils required to isolate if there is a positive case.

In our previous testing period, we received permission from you for your child to be tested for Covid-19 using the LFD tests. We will assume that you are happy for us to include your child in this next wave of testing, unless you contact the school to withdraw it. If you wish to withdraw your child, please email: enquiry@hallgreen.bham.sch.uk

Thank you for supporting the school in this process, helping to keep staff, pupils and their families as safe as possible.

Your child's first test will take place **BEFORE** your child returns to school full time in September. The grid below shows the **date and time slot** that your child should arrive at school to take their test (this is arranged by their new form groups from September 2021, so please make a note of the group at the start of this letter).

Arrival times are very important and should prevent excessive queuing; so your child may get their test quickly and then return home immediately afterwards (approximately ½ an hour). There is no requirement for school uniform to be worn. Pupils must report to the main school gate on arrival where a member of staff will collect them. Their second test will be completed during their normal school timetable after their return to school.

Test Date for Year 8: MONDAY 6 September 2021

FORM GROUP	ARRIVAL TIME
8L1 and 8L2	12.30 pm
8R1 and 8R2	1.30 pm
8S1 and 8S2	2.30 pm
8I1 and 8I2	3.30 pm

After a negative result, all Year 8 return to school full time on **Tuesday 7 September 2021**.

Please remember that the tests are designed to identify asymptomatic carriers of the virus and therefore you must not let your child attend for the test if they have any coronavirus symptoms, instead you should order a PCR test and keep your child at home until a negative result is received.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school via enquiry@hallgreen.bham.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

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