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Dear Parents/Carers

### **UPDATE ON PUPIL TESTING**

We have been informed that the government website for booking a Covid PCR test has changed recently, so we would like to update parents regarding this. If your child's 'symptoms' being displayed do not fall under the classic symptoms advertised on Public Health websites and NHS 119 helplines, the school has been in contact with Harrow Public Health and continues to share with parents the following information:

- The school will continue to send pupils home with symptoms identified as potential indicators to infection which were experienced in both the Autumn and Spring Terms – e.g., headache, aches and pains, vomiting or diarrhoea, along with high temperature, cough or loss of taste or smell.
- Parents will need to book onto the COVID test site itself: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>, rather than going through NHS 119.
- When booking online, parents will need to complete the sections below as shown:

#### **Is the person who needs a test part of a trial or government pilot project?**

For example, they have been invited to take part in the Contact Testing Study:

- The person was told to get a test by the COVID Symptom Study app (by ZOE)
- The person has been invited to take part in the Contact Testing Study
- The person is taking a test before a dental procedure (Dental Patient Testing)
- The person is attending an event that is part of the Events Research Programme

or

- None of the above

#### **Why are you asking for a test?**

If you are getting a test for someone you live with, answer for them

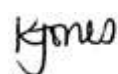
- I've been in contact with someone who's tested positive for coronavirus
- I was asked to get a test because I visited a venue where others have since tested positive
- I've been told to get a test by my nursery, work or place of education
- I've been told to get a test by my local council, health protection team or healthcare professional
- My local council or health protection team has asked me to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms
- A GP or other healthcare professional has asked me to get a test

or

**When parents take their child to the test site they need to say that they have been told by their school to undertake a test as advised by the Public Health Consultant at Harrow Council. This is particularly the case if classic COVID symptoms of: a cough, high temperature or loss of smell or taste, are not experienced by the child.**

We hope that this information proves helpful and continues to support and protect the school community. Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely



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