



20 July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for your continued engagement in the Covid-19 testing programme this academic year and the pressures this has placed upon our students. Please continue to test weekly and report your results until the end of the summer term.

For those students in school today, your child\* will be provided with 3 home test kits. Each box contains 3 tests. Included with the home test kit is a leaflet from NHS Test and Trace which gives details on the specific instructions for conducting the self-testing. The Department for Health and Social Care has produced a series of YouTube videos designed to explain how to administer the self-test at home which can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvaBZskxS7tzQYIVg7lwH5uxAD9UrSzGJ>

The school will remain open throughout the summer. If you require any help or have any questions, please contact the school. Testing remains voluntary but strongly encouraged.

We are unsure about the Covid situation we will face in the autumn, so we want to be prepared for all scenarios. Subject to public health advice, testing may restart on return in the autumn. If it does, wherever possible, we expect to offer you **two** tests on-site before continuing regular testing at home.

This is the most effective way to reduce the risk of transmission and support the continuation of face-to-face education. We recognise, however, the need to minimise any disruption to education and to continue to support your child's mental wellbeing. The government will continue to review the future need for testing in light of any changes to the public health situation. If you are transitioning to a new school or college, you should start testing on arrival in the autumn.

**Reporting results is easy.** Go to [report a COVID-19 lateral flow test result](#) or call 119 free from a mobile or landline. Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm. Support is offered in 200 languages as well as British Sign Language.

**You must also report results to the school, even if your result is negative or void, please do this by following this link:**

150 Birmingham Road,  
West Bromwich,  
West Midlands,  
B70 6QT  
Tel: 0121 679 7522/  
07496734247  
Safeguarding: 07496734211  
Web:  
[www.sandwellvalleyschool.co.uk](http://www.sandwellvalleyschool.co.uk)  
DfE. 333/6011  
Company No: 10288316  
Registered Charity No. 1172272





[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeLdtugr-wpJizrc7eNkREp1z-Qi7fhUzUWZtXbkD0pE6IOwQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeLdtugr-wpJizrc7eNkREp1z-Qi7fhUzUWZtXbkD0pE6IOwQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Testing is helping us stay ahead of the virus by spotting new outbreaks quickly and plan our response. The preparations that schools and colleges are advised to take are subject to further public health advice and the latest position on prevalence of the COVID-19 virus.

Please note that today is the **last day of term**, Tuesday 20 July 2021. We will return to school after the summer break on **Monday 6 September 2021**.

### School days and times, September 2021

MONDAY, TUESDAY & THURSDAY  
9.00 am - 2.45 pm

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY  
9.00 am – 12.30 pm

We will need to carry out a COVID-19 test on this day for all students. Please complete the consent form enclosed, which you will need to return by post by next **Friday, 30 July, 2021**, alternatively, you can email it to: [cpowell@sandwellvalleyschool.co.uk](mailto:cpowell@sandwellvalleyschool.co.uk)  
It is important that we receive this in order to secure the safety of all our students and staff.

Thank you once again for your support, the students have listened and followed all instructions carefully. I hope you have a relaxing and peaceful summer and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Yours faithfully,

Signed  
M Hall  
Principal

\*(The school will remain open during the summer if you need to collect the home test kits, due to your son/daughter not attending school today but please ring first to ensure the school is open).

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