

Dear parent/carer,

Children have been settling back into school and we hope they are happy to be back with their teachers and friends.

To ensure that Covid-19 rates remain low, we all must remain vigilant and do what we can to contain the spread.

One in three people with Covid-19 do not show any symptoms, that's why it's really important parents, carers and their support bubbles carry out symptom-free quick tests at home, twice a week to help protect family, friends and the wider school community. Find out how to access symptom-free tests at www.dudley.gov.uk/symptom-free-testing

We all need to keep playing our part to protect ourselves, friends, family and Dudley borough, please remember:

- Regular hand washing is still vital, using hand sanitiser if you're not at home
- Keep a safe distance from people outside your household at all times (2 metres where possible)
- Wear a face covering when you are taking and collecting children from school, young people in secondary schools should be wearing a face covering in school
- Remember **HANDS, FACE, SPACE, TEST**

Symptoms and testing

Please do not send children to school if they or another member of your household have any of the main three Covid-19 symptoms: a new continuous cough, a high temperature, a loss of or a change to your sense of taste or smell - stay at home and book a test for the symptomatic person.

If you or a member of your household feels generally unwell and are displaying other symptoms you should also get tested as a precaution www.dudley.gov.uk/coronavirustesting

As we approach the Easter break, and two households or up to six people will be able to meet outdoors or in a private garden (from 29 March), we urge you to do this safely and responsibly within government guidelines.

I hope you and your family have a happy Easter break. Thank you for your continued support and playing your part to protect Dudley borough.



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