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Dear Parent

**Re: Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Testing at school this week**

I am writing to let you know that schools in Bolton are working with Bolton Council, local health services and the wider community to help reduce the transmission of the Covid-19 virus in Bolton.

Reducing the transmission of the virus is a priority for Bolton, and national teams are supporting us with planning and with extra people to help:

- get messages out to the community
- run vaccination sites
- enable testing for people who do not have symptoms.

We are really fortunate to have been allocated military personnel to help secondary schools carry out additional LFD (lateral flow device) testing with staff and pupils this week.

These 'pop-up' sessions are to help identify anyone in school who has the virus but who are not displaying any symptoms and are a great opportunity for students to check they are undertaking tests accurately.

Testing is not mandatory and is only done with consent. Please contact your child's school if you wish to discuss consent.

Continuing to carry out LFD Tests twice a week is really important – **please encourage anyone in your household aged over 11 to continue taking LFD tests twice a week.**

If anyone in your household has Covid-19 symptoms please arrange a PCR test through the national portal or ring 119, and ensure they follow any isolation guidelines.

Thank you for your support.

**Paul Rankin**  
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