

Dear Parent / Carer

Date: 11th December 2020

Invitation to get a test for Coronavirus (Covid-19) for those with no symptoms

As you may know, COVID-19 cases in Havering are the highest in London. Our fight against this virus needs more people to come forward to get a test so we can see how it is being spread. This now includes trying to find people who may have the virus but don't know it.

We are asking all pupils aged 11 to 18 years in secondary schools and colleges, and their families as well as staff at those schools and colleges to get a COVID-19 test starting from this weekend. This applies to you if you do not have any symptoms.

There are several ways you can get a test. Firstly, you can come to any of the below places for the next three days to get a test if you do not have symptoms. More locations will be provided next week to cover the 15th to 21st December.

	9am-3pm	9am-3pm	9am – 3pm
Saturday 12 th December	Romford Town Hall, Main Road, Romford, RM1 3BB	Viking Way, Rainham, RM13 9YG	Dorrington Gardens, Hornchurch, RM12 4HX
Sunday 13 th December	Romford Town Hall, Main Road, Romford, RM1 3BB	Viking Way, Rainham, RM13 9YG	Dorrington Gardens, Hornchurch, RM12 4HX
Monday 14 th December	Romford Town Hall, Main Road, Romford, RM1 3BB	Viking Way, Rainham, RM13 9YG	Dorrington Gardens, Hornchurch, RM12 4HX

All of the sites are walk-in – you do not need to book to get a test at these sites.

The sites are first-come-first-served so please be aware you may have to queue and if the sites run out of tests you may be asked to go to another site or return for a test on another day.

As well as being able to access these tests for people who do not have symptoms, students aged 11-18 years and their families can also get one via the existing national

NHS Test booking system. These tests can be sent to your home. To book a test through one of these routes, please go to <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> .

If you do have Covid-19 symptoms, please continue to follow all the national guidance to self-isolate and book a test online at the above address or by calling 119.

I realise this is a difficult and confusing message. If we can act now and find people who have and are spreading the virus but don't know it, we can better help our children and families protect the most vulnerable members of our communities.

Kind regards,



Mark Ansell
Director of Public Health

