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Beechfield School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all of your help and support with remote learning since January. I know it hasn't been easy but Twitter has been full of the excellent learning that has been taking place. The school is really looking forward to welcoming you all back on **Monday 8th March**.

Last week I sent out a letter detailing opening plans but here are a few reminders for you:

- The school will continue to operate a **one way system**. Entry will be through the main gate at the front of the school but parents can leave school through either the Sussex Road gate via the Key Stage 2 playground or by the woodland path. Parents using the Sussex Road gate are able to use this as an entry and exit.
- No visitors to the school office please.
- Please can parents/carers wear face coverings while on the school site.
- The table below shows drop off and collection times. Please leave school site quickly after drop off and pick up and maintain social distancing while on the school site.

	Drop off time	Pick up
Year 1	0830	1450
Year 2	0835	1455
Year 5 and 6	0845	1505
Reception	0840	1500
Year 3 and 4	0850	1510
Nursery AM	0835	1135
Nursery PM	1215	1515
Nursery (30 hours)	0835	1515

- **PE days:** Please can the children continue to wear their PE kit to school on the days they have PE.
Monday Reception and Year 1
Tuesday Year 2
Wednesday Year 3 and Year 5
Thursday Year 4
Friday Year 6
- **Laptops:** If you were loaned a laptop or electronic device from school please return it on Monday (with the charger) to your child's class teacher.

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Rapid Covid-19 testing

NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week that all adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid Covid-19 testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles. Secondary school and college students will continue to access testing through their school or college. Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Rapid testing detects cases quickly – in under 30 minutes – meaning positive cases can isolate immediately. This can be the difference between children being able to stay in school, or a class being sent home due to an outbreak. It could also be the difference between a workplace having to close for a period or being able to stay open and running. If you have symptoms you must still get a PCR test as previously advised. There are different ways for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests.
[Click here to find a local site where you can collect tests](#)
- by ordering a home test kit online – but only if testing cannot be accessed through other routes, as this frees up home delivery for those who need it most [Click here to order lateral flow home test kits](#)
- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees

Collecting test kits

- Each pack contains 7 tests. Anyone 18 or over can collect.
- You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a [local collection point](#).
- The nearest collection point in Watford is:
King George V Park
Chaffinch Lane
Rickmansworth Road
Watford
WD18 9QD
[Get Directions](#)
- Opening times 1:30pm – 7:00pm - 7 days a week.
- You can check online if the location is open or busy before you go. You do not need to make an appointment.
- Do not visit a collection point outside opening hours, as it may be used to test people with coronavirus symptoms outside these times.

If you have any queries, or would like to speak to someone, please get in touch with the school office.

Yours sincerely



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