



# Birmingham City Council

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Dear Parent / Carer

## **Drop and collect Covid testing service**

In order to help keep communities safe we're offering free, completely optional Coronavirus tests. Birmingham City Council staff and volunteers, supported by the RAF, will be visiting areas across the city. They drop off a test, tell you the details and come back within an hour.

You may already have noticed these teams, or you may see them out and about in coming days and weeks.

Please don't be concerned. They are here to help communities by making it easier for people to get tested. The teams will be wearing high-vis jackets, clearly labelled as being from the city council. If you have any doubts about who they are, ask for identification.

The RAF personnel have been really helpful in supporting this service. The city council simply doesn't have the capacity to provide all the people needed to run this service, so the RAF is providing extra people on the ground to help us. They are not here in their military capacity.

You can see more information about the service here:

[https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/news/article/701/drop\\_and\\_collect\\_covid-19\\_testing\\_service\\_introduced\\_in\\_birmingham](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/news/article/701/drop_and_collect_covid-19_testing_service_introduced_in_birmingham)

I know this is a really difficult time for everyone, but we are all working hard to keep communities safe. Together, we can get through this.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'P. Hamilton'.

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