



# LITTLE ILFORD SCHOOL

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Dear parents/carers,

We're almost at the end of the toughest term that I can remember as a head. National information and advice has been developing on a daily basis. We want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support and understanding in what has been a trying time. We don't know what Covid rates will be like in January, so please do read everything that we are sending out about remote learning carefully, even if it doesn't affect your child at present, in case we do end up back in lockdown again.

We hope that our students take the opportunity to read for pleasure over the holidays, as this is one of the best ways to become successful at school.

In order to make sure that we keep Covid levels down as much as possible, please read the following information from the borough:

*For a limited time, you can get tested for Covid-19 if you don't have symptoms. This will ensure that those who have Covid-19 without symptoms keep their loved ones safe by not joining a Christmas bubble. Testing your family will help to protect others.*

*These tests will take place in pop-up test sites that are only for people who do not have Covid-19 symptoms. Appointments are required and can be booked by calling 119 or visiting [www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test](http://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test). When booking make sure you choose 'Your local council has asked you to get a test' from the options available.*

*However, it is important to remember that your test result only applies for the time that you got tested. In order to keep your family and friends safe it is important to follow the guidance – keeping your distance from those you don't live with, wearing a face covering, washing your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds and keeping indoor spaces well ventilated.*

*As usual, if you have any of the three main Covid-19 symptoms (new persistent cough, fever or loss/change of your sense of smell or taste) you should get tested at one of our drive-through or walk-through sites, or via a home test kit.*

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*The nearest drive-through test sites are at: Lea Valley Athletics Track, Edmonton and O2 Arena, Greenwich. The three walk-through test sites are at: Hilda Road, East Ham; Kingsford Way, Beckton; and Paul Street, Stratford. Appointments at drive-through and walk-through test sites, as well as home test kits, can be booked by calling 119 or visiting [www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test](http://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test)*

It just remains for me to wish all of you a happy Christmas, and a more prosperous New Year.

Kind regards,

Ian Wilson  
Headteacher