

Parents and Carers of pupils in KS4 and 5

Dear Parents/Carers,

September COVID-19 testing

Current Department for Education guidance is that all pupils are tested twice before returning to school in September. Testing remains voluntary, however we suggest that pupils complete their LFD test on Thursday 2nd September and again on Sunday 5th September, ready to return to school on **Monday 6th September**.

Your box of LFD tests has 7 kits inside. Once taken, please register the results with the NHS and with us. Links for reporting are now found on our website here:

<https://www.spa-education.org/spa-school-bermondsey/parents/covid-19-information>

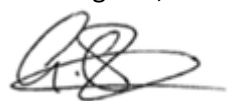
Any positive home test needs to be confirmed by a booked PCR test. If a pupil has a positive home test they should isolate, along with the household. You should also inform us so that we can isolate any close contacts. If the PCR test comes back negative, the isolation period for all can end. If it is positive, all close contacts including the household will need to isolate for 10 days.

If you would like help administering or registering your test, you will be able to book an appointment with us on the afternoon of Thursday 2nd September. We will verbally guide you through the process of swabbing your child and show you how to register your test. Staff will not be able to administer the test; you will need to do this. If you would like to book an appointment please e mail office@spa-education.org by August 31st.

At the start of the summer holidays, please inform us if your child develops COVID symptoms within 48 hours of being at school – you can do this by calling (0207 237 3714) or e mailing (office@spa-education.org)

We will continue to follow COVID guidance and will update our risk assessment prior to pupils returning. Our risk assessment will always be found on our website, on our COVID 19 page under the parent tab. We intend on keeping separate break and lunch times for pupils in KS3, 4 and 5 and will reduce TA movement between class groups where possible.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Quigley'.

Georgina Quigley
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