

# Weekly Update

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May

## Reminders and Updates

At this time of year, we would normally be looking ahead to our busy summer schedule, including our Sports Day and Exhibition. This year, things will have to be different and we're currently looking at which, if any, events we can safely hold. Our clear focus remains to do what is necessary to keep the school fully open for all pupils. As we all know missing school is immensely damaging and we all must continue to play a part in keeping GHPS open. Thank you for all the sacrifices you have made so far... because of you we have been one of the least affected schools I know! Please keep it up for a little while longer.

HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED AT SCHOOL BY READING EVERY DAY WITH THEM . It's the simplest and most effective thing you can do.

### Healthy Snacks and Packed Lunches

We continue to provide healthy fruit snacks for children in EYFS and Key Stage 1. We encourage children in Key Stage 2 to bring a snack from home if they wish, but we do ask that this is a healthy choice. Please do not send sweets or fizzy drinks into school and do remember that we are a totally nut-free school so please do not send your child into school with any nut containing products either for snack or in their lunch boxes.



### Year 5/6 Walking to and From School Unaccompanied

At this time of year, some of the older children in our school may well be seeking some greater independence as the lighter evenings are now upon us. If you would like to give your permission for them to walk to and from school unaccompanied, please fill out our [consent form](#), ensuring you have read our [Protocol for Collecting Children and Walking Home Alone](#) and discussed relevant safety concerns with your child.

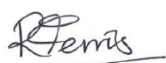
### Absence from School

If your child is absent from school, please make sure you contact the office to give a reason for their absence before 9.00am. You can leave a message by pressing Option 1 when you call. Please bear in mind that we need more information than just saying your child is 'ill', especially in current times.



Thank you to all of our amazing school community for your continuing support.

Kind regards



**Richard Ferris**  
Headteacher



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### Attendance Stars

Classes with the highest attendance this week:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – **Kestrels (100%)**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Hawks (99.5%)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Panthers (97.9%)



### Class Photographs

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May, the photographer will be in school to take our annual class photos. As in previous years, they will be taken outside and will include individual photos of our Year 6 pupils.

Please ensure your child is in correct school uniform and that they bring their very best smiles! ☺

### Term Dates

Please note the following dates for the remainder of the Summer Term:

**Half Term – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May (Bank Holiday) to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

**End of Summer Term – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

You can also find details of our term dates for the 2021-22 academic year on our website or by clicking the following link: [Term Dates 2021-22](#).

### FROGS Update

Our PTA, the FROGS (Friends of Great Hollands School) have been quiet recently due to restrictions cancelling their usual fundraising events but they are still very much in action!

They are currently organising their pre-loved uniform stock, so they will be able to offer this to parents and carers wishing to purchase some discounted items. Look out for further updates coming soon!

If you have any jumpers or cardigans **with the school logo**, that are in good condition but have been outgrown, the FROGS would welcome your donation to help us raise much needed funds for our school. Please email [frogspta@gmail.com](mailto:frogspta@gmail.com) for more information.



### Worried about a child?

It is everyone's responsibility to act if they feel a child is being put at risk or is not being cared for properly.

If you have concerns about a child, please get in touch with a member of our safeguarding team in school, any conversations will be dealt with confidentially and sensitively. Further details can be found on our [Safeguarding and Child Protection](#) page.

Alternatively, you can report concerns to Children's Social Care directly from the [Bracknell Forest Child Protection Page](#).

### Contact details of support services for parents of pupils with SEN

The Information, Advice and Support Service (IASS) provides free, confidential and impartial advice and information to support parents/carers and children and young people who have, or may have, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in Bracknell Forest. You can contact IASS by email [send.support@bracknell-forest.gov.uk](mailto:send.support@bracknell-forest.gov.uk) or by telephone (01344 354011). They also have a dedicated website where you can find a range of information and factsheets relating to SEN [www.bracknellforestiass.co.uk](http://www.bracknellforestiass.co.uk).

# Guide to choosing the right COVID-19 test

Information for parents, carers and household members of school pupils and staff

## Guide to choosing the right COVID-19 test

This advice applies to everyone regardless of vaccination.

### Has COVID-19 symptoms\*

Adults or children with COVID-19 symptoms



Book a PCR test at GOV.UK or by calling 119

While waiting for your test you and your household members (including support bubble) must self-isolate and only leave home to attend a test centre.

### Does not have COVID-19 symptoms

All adults

Secondary school children, college students or staff

Nursery or primary school pupils



Twice weekly lateral flow tests (LFT)

Via your employer

Home kits provided by school/college

No test required

or

Rapid Test Centre

or

Collect from  
Community Collect centre or  
Pharmacy Collect

or

Order a home kit at GOV.UK

#### \* COVID-19 symptoms include:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

If you have COVID-19 symptoms or a positive LFT result, self-isolate and book a PCR test by visiting GOV.UK or call 119.

The confirmatory PCR test should be booked within 48 hours. If you receive negative test results, this is only an indication that you are unlikely to have COVID-19, not 100% confirmation - continue to observe hands face space and get regularly tested.

An online checker is available to enable you to find your nearest testing site or collection point:

[Find where to get rapid lateral flow tests - NHS \(test-and-trace.nhs.uk\)](#)