



Blackminster Middle School

School Bulletin

Dear parents and carers,

COVID-19 testing over May half-term

Thank you for your continued support in testing. Across the country, over 40 million tests with staff and students have now been conducted as part of the education testing programme, and I'm pleased that Blackminster students and staff have been playing our part in this national effort.

I'd like to encourage Year 7 and 8 students to test twice-weekly over half-term and test before returning to school or college after the holiday. The result of a rapid test could be positive, negative or even void. But whatever it is, it should be reported straight away, every time. Recording all test results helps scientists stay ahead of the virus by spotting new outbreaks quickly and advising how to respond. Reporting results is easy. Go to report a COVID-19 lateral flow test result or call 119 free from a mobile or landline. Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm. Support is offered in 200 languages as well as British Sign Language and Live Video Assistance.

Contact tracing over May half-term

Schools and colleges continue to play an important role in contact tracing for pupils, students and staff.

We therefore ask that if students develop symptoms and subsequently test positive for COVID-19 within 48 hours of having been in school (i.e. over the weekend of 29th and 30th of May) that you contact lmcquone@blackminster.worcs.sch.uk so that we can assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation to prevent further spread. If a student develops symptoms after the weekend (and we sincerely hope they don't!) there is no need for you to inform school.

I wish you a restful and enjoyable half term holiday, and we look forward to seeing students again on June 7th. It will be Week B on the timetable.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Linda McQuone', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Linda McQuone

Acting Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June – Half Term