



**Kemnal
Technology
College**

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Dear Parents/Carers

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

The College has been informed by Bromley Council and Public Health England (PHE) that they are currently following up cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) which are related to the variant first identified in India.

We are aware of cases linked to this variant within our school. Contact tracing around all cases reported to the College has been completed as per PHE guidance and all contacts have completed their period of isolation.

As a precaution, to ensure we have identified all cases that may be linked to this variant we are asking all students, staff, children and their families (including regular visitors to the home) to take a COVID-19 PCR test.

These PCR tests are different to the normal lateral flow tests more commonly used as part of the routine asymptomatic testing. By using PCR testing, positive results can be sent for genomic sequencing at specialist laboratories, helping us to identify variant of concern cases and their spread in these boroughs.

Students and staff should continue using twice-weekly rapid testing as normal.

If your child has already had a positive LFD test, please ensure you repeat testing with a PCR test as normal. **All positive cases must be reported to the school on 020 8300 7112 or via email admin@ktc-tkat.org.** All students and their household will need to isolate if a positive test result is received.

I understand you might be concerned about this, but there is no cause for alarm. However, it is important the council and PHE find out how far, if at all, cases of the variant have spread. It is therefore important as many people as possible take part in the **voluntary** testing. The link for the Google Consent Form will be sent out tomorrow by email and text. It will be similar to the link that you gave consent for the Lateral Flow Test.

Students and staff can be tested at school. Your child will be provided with test kits to bring home for your household to complete and the PCR test kits should be returned to school.

Please be assured we are following the national guidance about reducing the spread of infection and will continue to work closely with Bromley Council and PHE as required.

If you are a resident of Bromley please see '*Supporting our residents*' on the Council's website at [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) | London Borough of Bromley](#) or if a resident of Kent Local Authority [Protect Kent and Medway - Kent County Council](#). If you live in another borough, please check your borough's website.

As always, I thank you for your help in this important matter.

Yours faithfully

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COVID-19 FACTSHEET

If
you

Symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- New continuous cough, and/or
- High temperature, and/or
- A loss, or change, in your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

develop symptoms:

DO

Seek advice from NHS 111 at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus

or by phoning NHS 111.

Arrange a test as advised at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus

Stay at home and try to limit contact with the people you share a house with.

Inform your workplace.

DO NOT

Go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment.

Go to work or leave your house (except to attend a test Centre).

If your test confirms COVID-19 you and your household will be contacted directly and given additional advice on what to do.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk

Always maintain social distancing, this includes indoors in all communal areas such as changing rooms, toilet facilities, corridors.

Wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds

Use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available

Wash your hands as soon as you get home

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze

Put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Unless exempt, wear a face covering in the relevant indoor settings, including shops and on public transport.

There is more information on COVID-19 at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus.

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