

Booking a test

Parents will be given access to the appropriate timings for their son's year group on the booking system. They will also receive a separate e-mail, with a link to the booking system, containing a unique identifier for their son, which will be a required piece of information to make each individual booking.

In the previous mass screening programme during November 2020, we encouraged siblings to return on their designated days, but allowed some siblings to return with the elder brothers. The schedule this coming January is particularly tight, so we would like to reduce instances of this to a minimum. If you have no choice but to return your sons from different year groups on the same day, please would you contact Dr Cullerne (ipc@wincoll.ac.uk) in the first instance, so that he can try to build this into the planning. We are aware that international parents may have booked flights prior to the release of these details of the staggered return. We would like to identify, and plan for the return of, international pupils who must return on a day that is not designated for their year group. If you find yourself in this situation, please contact Dr Cullerne (ipc@wincoll.ac.uk).

Boys must not use public transport to travel to school. Parents/Guardians should arrange for boys to return by car only, and remain with them pending the result. We would stress the importance of arriving in good time as set out below.

Test procedure

The booking confirmation will look like the figure to the right. Please note, the test slot here is 07:00 - 09:00, but you must arrive within the first 15 minutes of this slot; that is, we will be lining up for swabbing at 07:00 - 0715. Parents' vehicles will be directed to a covered area where a swab will be taken by one of our trained nurses, from the vehicle.

The vehicle will then be directed to a holding area, where parents can await the result of the test. Waiting time is up to two hours, so please do bring refreshments and reading material. Hot drinks and water will be available throughout the day, and there will be a designated walk around Kingsgate Park to stretch legs. Portaloo facilities will be available. Some parents may wish to go for a drive or more local parents may wish to go home, but we stress that once the swab is taken, any close contact with anyone outside the family household risks invalidating the test result. For example, whilst waiting for the result, parents and boy should not take a trip into town or visit a cafe. Housemasters will be monitoring the results e-mails (see below)



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and will expect to see boys who test negative within 45 minutes of the test result being sent.

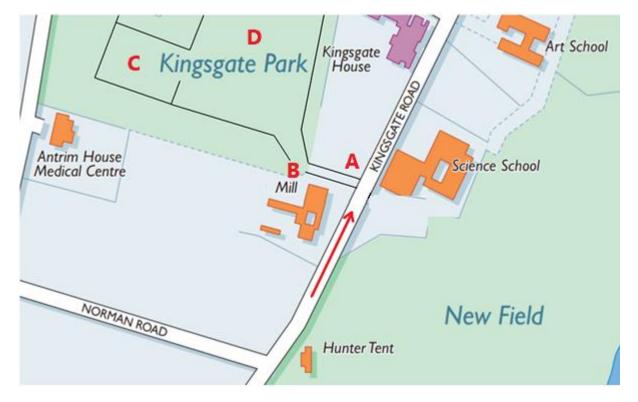
N.B. If you decide to leave the PE Centre carpark, please be aware that there is a restricted flow out to Kingsgate Road, and there may be others arriving for their swabbing appointment. The marshals will manage this and get you clear of the area as soon as possible.

Dropping off up to house

Test results will be communicated by e-mail to the parents and the boy and copied to the Housemaster and Matron. On receipt of a negative result, boys should be dropped off at their boarding house without going elsewhere. If a second test is required, we will inform you by e-mail. In these cases, we will prioritise families who are waiting in the carpark. We should be able to use the original sample to do the re-test – there should be no need for re-swabbing.

What happens on the day of testing?

Parents should approach the School from the South along Kingsgate Road:



As parents approach Mill and Science School from the South, they will see at point A a large sign indicating the test slot in progress at that time.



Point **B** is the access point to the testing facility. A marshal at point **B** will give parents a large card to put into their windscreens, which will be their unique identifier. If you arrive early, please drive into point **B** where you will be directed to a place where you can wait if required. We will endeavour to get you to the swabbing point at the earliest opportunity.

A small circuit will take parents through to the swabbing marquees at C, and once swabs have been taken, they will be directed to area D for parking and awaiting test results. There will be hot and cold drinks and bottled water available from a refreshment station, though we will not be serving food. There will be pairs of Portaloo facilities, which will be on a regular cycle of cleaning throughout the day.

Before you continue onto the bookings page please read the following:

We are required to inform Public Health England of any positive Covid results. When we do so we will only provide the information required by law. We are also required to advise parents of a pupil testing positive to have an NHS test so that the case can be logged on to the Government's Test and Trace system.

We would like to remind you of the following important points:

- Parents should maintain continued vigilance with all Covid precautions over the Christmas break, including guidelines on mixing households.
- Boys should not return to school if they or any close contacts, in the previous 10 days, have received a positive test result for COVID-19, or have a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste.
- Boys must not use public transport to travel to school.
- If you have no choice but to return your sons from different year groups on the same day, please contact Dr Cullerne.
- If your son returns to the UK before his designated day of arrival you should organise guardian arrangements, especially for the younger boys, as this is preferable to returning to the boarding house without their friends. If you are unable to organise guardian arrangements, please contact <u>Dr Cullerne</u>.
- Parents/Guardians should bring boys by car and remain with them pending the result.
- Housemasters will be monitoring the results e-mails and will expect to see boys who test negative within 45 minutes of the test result being sent.
- Test appointments can only be allocated through the official booking system.
- If you do not receive a booking confirmation, please check your junk email folder in the first instance before contacting <u>Dr Cullerne</u>.
- Once a swab is taken, any close contact with anyone outside the family household risks invalidating the test result.

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