



# RUTLISH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Health Secretary announced yesterday that the new South African variant of Covid19 is more transmissible and that it has been detected in areas of London, Kent and Surrey, including in the CR4, Pollards Hill ward. There is no evidence to show this South African variant of COVID -19 is more dangerous but the government want to stop local transmission.

The Merton website has information at [Coronavirus \(merton.gov.uk\)](https://www.merton.gov.uk/coronavirus) For those living in the Pollards Hill ward there is additional advice and support [Enhanced coronavirus tests for Pollards Hill, CR4 \(merton.gov.uk\)](https://www.merton.gov.uk/enhanced-coronavirus-tests-pollards-hill-cr4) and Merton are encouraging all asymptomatic people, over 16 years of age, in Pollards Hill to get a Covid19 test.

## Merton have also announced:

How we will roll out enhanced testing in your area

- You can go to our **Mobile Testing Unit** in the car park at Pollards Hill Library from Wednesday morning onwards – you will soon be able to book a test online, and it will be open from 9am to 3pm every day.
- Our team will be in the area **knocking on doors from Thursday**, offering to provide home-testing kits and advice on how to administer a home-test. These will either be collected or dropped off at a local community site.
- Home testing kits can also be **picked up and dropped off** at a designated community site in Pollards Hill - further details will be added shortly.

To know whether this applies to you, please see the attached map for the area that this covers.

The Public Health England advice is that you should continue to follow the national lockdown rules e.g. you may leave your home to shop for basic necessities, or go to work or provide voluntary or charitable services or get a test.

Kind regards,

Ms Howarth  
Headteacher

