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Dear Parents and Carers

South African Variant of COVID-19 Virus

We have today received a [letter from Ealing Council](#) which confirms that a person in the W7 postcode area in Ealing was identified as having the [South African variant of COVID-19](#) in December 2020. This resident tested positive for the virus at the end of December despite not having travelled to South Africa or been in contact with anyone else who had. The resident followed all public health guidance including self-isolation and has now made a full recovery.

To prevent a possible spread of this variant Ealing Council are recommending that all residents over the age of 16 living or working in the identified area take a PCR COVID-19 test. This is not the type of test which is currently available in our school.

A new mobile testing centre, for people who do not have symptoms, will be in place from today Monday, 1 February at Dean Gardens car park in Leeland Terrace, West Ealing W13 9DA. You can [book a test in this centre](#). You can [check if you are in the identified area with this postcode lookup](#).

Later this week, Ealing Council will also start a door-to-door delivery of free home test kits to all households within the identified area.

If you are clinically extremely vulnerable or shielding, please wait for the home test kit rather than attend the testing centre in Dean Gardens car park.

If anyone in your household has symptoms, they must get tested and self-isolate. They can [book a test online](#) or via calling the NHS on 119.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us, either by telephoning 020 8864 8544 or emailing us on help@northolthigh.org.uk.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

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