

Nottinghamshire Schools HR Service**Schools Portal News Item 22 April 2020****Covid-19 Voluntary Testing Extended to All of the Council's Keyworkers including schools**

Head Teachers will be aware of the importance being placed on providing testing as part of the response to reduce the spread of Covid-19. Last week, it was announced that a newly available testing facility had opened at the Boots' site at Beeston, Nottingham which allowed for the initial phase of testing to begin. This provision has now been extended to all keyworkers engaged in delivering the Council's response to the Covid-19 pandemic and this covers teachers and support staff employed in our schools.

You may be aware that all of the Council's workforce are designated as keyworkers and this was confirmed in the letter provided by the Chief Executive on 27 March 2020. The reason for this is not just because of the roles people may currently be undertaking but for any future role they may be required to undertake.

Information will now be sent out to all Head Teachers and contains a set of underpinning principles, a checklist for the head teacher / other appropriate senior leader as directed by the head and a process flowchart to help explain how testing will work.

This is a positive move that testing is now being rolled out more widely but as with many aspects of the current pandemic, the situation is fast moving and the position is likely to change on a regular basis. You will be kept informed of any further changes as they arise.

If you have any questions about the process, please contact the HR Duty Desk (0115 9774433 or hrdutydesk@nottscc.gov.uk) or your usual [HR Business Partner](#).

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