



9 September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As referenced in our communication last week, I am writing to give you further details around the plans for Covid-19 home testing for students. By the end of this week, the students will have had 2 lateral flow tests in school. The staff involved in supporting the students with their tests have been amazing once again and the students have been fantastic in their approach to testing. I would also like to thank you for your support in this vital process.

After this week, we will be asking that students carry out **two lateral flow tests at home each week** in line with the current expectations for staff, in the same way that they did in the summer term. The vast majority of students should feel comfortable in this process but should be supervised as much as possible if they do not. This is particularly important for any children under the age of 12 as government guidance states that 11 year olds who test at home must have the test administered by an adult.

The students will be bringing a pack of rapid test kits home on Thursday 9 September, containing 7 tests in total. Students should then complete a home test every Sunday and Wednesday (after 5pm if possible) starting on **Sunday 12 September**.

There are detailed instructions provided on how to take the tests in the leaflet provided with the tests. However, the video below walks the students through the process if they/you are unsure.

Video - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cAPBqtAWpDeefiKzzWUWY6Kbdd4a0NOD/view?usp=sharing>

There is an expectation from the NHS and the DFE that the test results are reported promptly. Following each test, it is important that the results are reported in two ways.

To the NHS: Follow this link - <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

There is some key information to complete before reporting if the result is positive, negative or void.

To the school: You can either follow the link below or the link that will be sent in the reminder text message each Wednesday and Sunday. It is essential that you spell your child's name correctly and consistently each time you input a result.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScBvL05MPZkUx5M63wGNxmZWLbX19dXDvwlFvFW_kWlQuP80w/viewform?usp=sf_link

It is imperative that you make the school aware of your child's results so that we are fully informed of the global picture across year groups. As I am sure you will appreciate, our time is very stretched at the moment and staff really can't afford to be spending time making phone calls to chase up results.

If at any point a positive result is recorded it is vital that your child then goes for a confirmatory PCR test and that self-isolation guidelines are followed until the outcome of the test is known. Guidance on booking a PCR test can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Once again, thank you for your support with the testing programme. With your continued support, we will ensure that our community remains safe.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with your child's Achievement Leader or Assistant Achievement Leader.

Yours sincerely

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