



19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## Update on twice weekly COVID-19 testing at home for students

Dear Parent/Carer

All students with consent have now received three supervised tests in school and been providing with Covid-19 home test kits (2 boxes of 3 tests) and an updated instruction leaflet as we move to testing at home.

We would encourage you to make sure your child tests themselves **twice a week 3-5 days apart, ideally in the morning before school if possible, if not, the evening before.** For KS4 & 5 (Y10, 11, 12 & 13), home testing can commence. For KS3 (Y7, 8 & 9) please wait until Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>/Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March before completing your first test.

Getting into a regular habit of testing will help stop the virus spreading, keeping your family and friends safer.

Students should **continue testing twice a week, at home, throughout the Easter school holidays.** We will be providing additional test kits for students to take home before term ends.

This does not replace testing for those with symptoms. If you have symptoms you must self-isolate immediately, book a PCR test and follow national guidelines.

### Reporting results

We would like to emphasise the importance of reporting test results straight away, even if your child's result is negative or void. It's easy to do online at [www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result](http://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result).

Results can also be reported via telephone by calling 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm.

It is also important to share the results with school via the 'Reporting a Covid-19 test result' button on the school website homepage.

### Testing for parents, households and bubbles twice a week

A reminder that regular rapid testing is now also available for parents/carers, their households and support or childcare bubbles. The government is encouraging all families to participate in twice weekly testing to help stop the spread.



Parents and other adults in the household can access tests by:

- Ordering tests online [www.gov.uk/order-school-household-tests](http://www.gov.uk/order-school-household-tests)
- Getting an assisted test at work, if it is available
- Attending a test site to get tested (where you will be able to see how to take the test) or pick up tests to do at home.

To find out more on school household testing visit [Households and bubbles of pupils, students and staff of schools and colleges: get rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/households-and-bubbles-of-pupils-students-and-staff-of-schools-and-colleges-get-rapid-lateral-flow-tests) ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))

Many thanks for your ongoing support with the testing programme.

Yours faithfully

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