

19th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

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

We wanted to thank you for your support and congratulate students on their attitude and approach on their return to school. 95% of students chose to participate in asymptomatic on-site testing with over 2,500 tests conducted over the first 2 weeks.

Following our communication on Wednesday 10th March, testing is now moving to twice weekly, rapid COVID-19 testing at home. If your child has not been tested at school yet, then please get in touch with us so that we can arrange a time for them to be tested on site, before beginning home testing. This will allow them to practice swabbing under the guidance of a trained member of staff.

If you haven't done so already, to opt-in to home testing, then you can do so by clicking on this [link](#)

About Home Testing

Please make sure your child tests themselves **twice a week on a Sunday evening and Wednesday evening**.

Some students were told that they didn't need to test over the Easter holidays, but that guidance has now changed. Your child should **continue testing twice a week, at home, throughout the Easter school holidays**. They have been provided with enough kits to do this.

Kits provided by the school should only be used by the student and not used by other household members. Home test kits do 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

It is really important that results of tests are reported online straight away, even if your child's result is negative or void. It's easy to do at www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result. Remember to report to the school too.

Testing for parents, households and bubbles twice a week

A reminder that regular rapid testing is now also available for parents, 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
- 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 \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/households-and-bubbles-of-pupils-students-and-staff-of-schools-and-colleges-get-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)

We continue to encourage everyone to take part in regular Covid-19 testing.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F McMillan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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