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

Dear parent/carer,

This week we have sent home COVID-19 testing kits with your child. This follows on from the initial home test kits that were sent home after the in school testing programme. Please make sure your child tests themselves twice a week 3-5 days apart, in the morning before school if possible and, if not, the evening before. Your child should continue testing twice a week, at home, throughout the Easter school holidays.

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.

Up to 1 in 3 people who have COVID-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading it without knowing. Getting into a regular habit of testing twice a week will help stop the virus spreading, keeping your family and friends safer.

Reporting results

It is really important that results of the 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.

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 important to keep a note of your child's results and share with school or college. This should be done via the students Google Account. The form can be accessed via their year groups' tutor classroom. For example, for Year 7 students, they access the link in the 'Year 7 Tutor Groups' classroom.

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)

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

Yours faithfully,



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