

15<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for your support with students returning to school. It has been great to see everybody again! I also want to thank you for your overwhelming support with Lateral Flow Device testing. Over 90% of you gave consent for your children to be tested in school, and we have been able to conduct over 1000 test so far – thankfully all negative.

### Home testing kits

This week, your child (except for those where consent has not been given) will receive their third and final on-site test. At the same time, they will receive two boxes to take home, with each box containing three testing kits. They will have self-tested in school three times, so should be able to conduct the test themselves with you supervising. Please be aware that for children under 12, it is recommended by the NHS that somebody else takes their sample. However, we have found our students to be very adept at self-testing in a responsible and safe manner. There is a how-to guide in each box, and also on the reverse of this letter.

All children should be tested twice a week. They will need to continue testing throughout the Easter holidays. We will issue a new box of three tests every week/fortnight. Note that these kits are only for your child's use. You can, however, obtain further kits for you and your household. Go [here](#) for further information on how to obtain more testing kits.

### Logging the result

You will need to log the result (using your phone or a tablet or computer) in two places:

1. With the NHS: [Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/report-a-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-test-result)
2. With the school: [Notify the school of a home-test result](#)



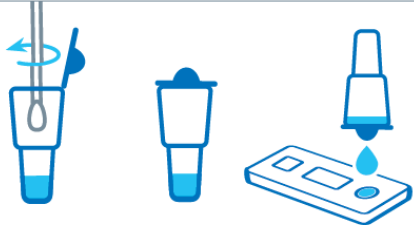

### What if the result is positive?

In the event of a positive result, the child **and the rest of the household** should isolate for 10 days in accordance with Public Health [guidelines](#). You should [book a test](#) at a testing site, and isolate until the result. If that result is still positive, you must continue to isolate for the remainder of the 10-day period. However, if that result is negative, all household members will be able to resume work, school, etc. Please inform us of any result before sending your child back to school.

Yours sincerely

J Mellor  
Headteacher

## Four easy stages of a rapid COVID-19 self-test

 <p><b>1</b> <b>Set-up:</b> sanitise testing area and hands, unpack kit, read instructions</p>	 <p><b>2</b> <b>Swab:</b> throat then nose</p>
 <p><b>3</b> <b>Process test:</b> place swab in liquid in tube, squeeze liquid onto test device</p>	 <p><b>4</b> <b>Read result:</b> ensure test device is on a flat surface, wait and read result at 30 minutes</p>

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Further guidance is available, including in different languages at:

[COVID-19 self-test help - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/covid-19-self-test-help)