



16<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

As I am sure you are aware home testing is being introduced for secondary age pupils by the Government. Once students who have given consent have been tested three times in school, **all** students will be provided with home test kits for regular, twice weekly, testing at home.

It is important that students are initially supervised whilst swabbing to make sure they are doing it correctly. This is why testing initially took place in schools at asymptomatic testing sites. Your child will be issued with a home testing kit on Thursday or Friday this week. They are not for immediate use but should be used from Monday 22nd March.

Parents/carers must report their child's result to the Academy **AND** NHS Test and Trace as soon as the test is completed.

Contact NHS Test and Trace either online (<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>) or by telephone, as set out in the home test kit instructions.

Parents/ carers will need to report the test result to the Academy using the online form. The link for this form is below and it can also be found on our website.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=bUK7eVRdZUicyW\\_sZHYDnH5ZE0dKJIZKvd1kAeaPKKJUOFpOOExOTIRaOVIHMzRCVk1CR01IWDhHVi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=bUK7eVRdZUicyW_sZHYDnH5ZE0dKJIZKvd1kAeaPKKJUOFpOOExOTIRaOVIHMzRCVk1CR01IWDhHVi4u)

A home testing risk assessment (<https://georgesalter.com/admin/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2021/03/OAT-Covid-19-Risk-assessment-Home-Testing-Secondaries.pdf>) and privacy notice can be found on our website.

**Advice and guidance on how to conduct the test.**

The LFDs supplied do not require laboratory processing and can provide a quick result in around 30 minutes. Comprehensive guidance on self-testing is contained in the 'Instructions for Use' leaflet which will be given to you with the test kits. There is also a useful video to show you how to administer the test which can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9XR8RZxKNo>

Students have taken part in a tutor time session in how to conduct the test both reliably and safely.

How to take the test (written instructions)

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/957271/COVID-19-self-test-instructions.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/957271/COVID-19-self-test-instructions.pdf)

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

Please note the academy will ONLY provide testing kits to staff and pupils at the academy. Households can source home testing kits through any of the options below:

- through your employer if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit online

Yours sincerely,

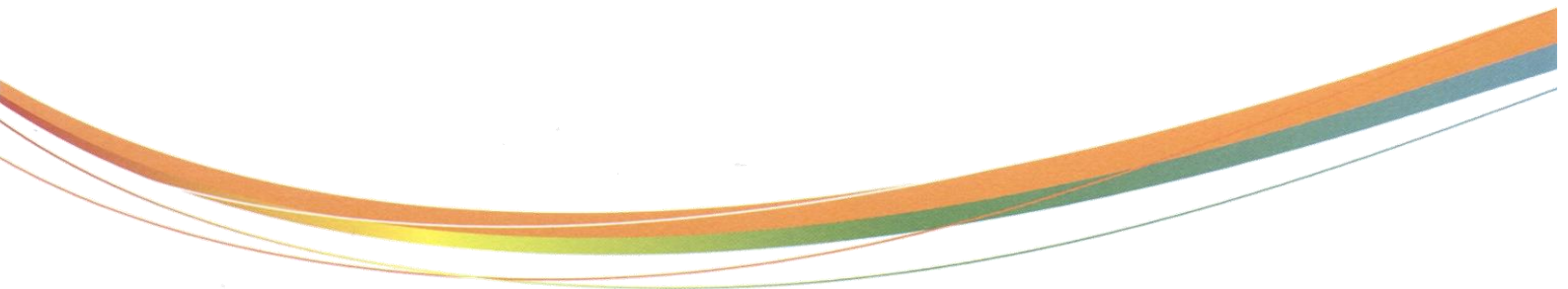


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