

12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Following the recent update from the DFE can I confirm the process moving forward for home testing.

Testing kits are available to students and if you would like one for your child, please call the school. Students who have had a lateral flow test in school will automatically be given the test kit. These kits will be given out week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Can we ask that all students carry out the LFD test every Sunday and Wednesday evening and to inform school only if a positive result is returned.

**Year 12 and 13** will be distributed on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March to complete their first home test on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March then the following Sundays and Wednesdays thereafter.

**Year 7 and 11** will be distributed on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March to complete their first home test on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March then the following Sundays and Wednesdays thereafter.

**Year 8, 9 and 10** will be distributed from Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March to complete their first home test on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March then the following Sundays and Wednesdays thereafter.

If the LFD test is positive you must inform school by 11:00am the following morning (Monday and Thursday) and follow up your home test with a PCR as per the current DFE guidance below. You don't need to inform us if your home test returns a negative result.

If the PCR test is positive you will have to self-isolate and inform the school office. If the PCR test comes back negative, then you can return to school. The academy will need to be provided with the results of the PCR test.

You need to follow the Step-by-step guide for COVID-19 self-testing kits that accompanies the home test kits when completing the tests. You can also watch this [video link](#) to support you in administering the test. Just a reminder that anyone aged 11 must ensure the test is administered by an adult, and anyone aged 12-17 should be supervised by an adult but can swab themselves.

#### **Current DFE Guidance States:**

All positive results from rapid tests undertaken at home do need to be confirmed with a standard PCR test. This is because these tests are not conducted in a controlled environment and will not have trained staff on hand. Following a positive LFD test at home, a confirmatory PCR test should be booked online or by calling 119. Whilst awaiting the PCR result, the student and their close contacts should self-isolate. If the PCR test is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test (at home only) and a child can return to school.

Thank you for your continued support.



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