

Dear parents and carers,

I communicated to you yesterday regarding home testing and our plans for distributing the self test kits. Further guidance from the DfE was released late yesterday afternoon detailing how testing would take place over the Easter break.

The DfE have confirmed *"It is important for staff and students to keep testing through the Easter holidays to manage the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), as part of a regular habit of testing at home every 3-4 days (twice a week)."* We have therefore distributed to all students who had picked up two self test kits yesterday a further box today. Students who were due to collect their kits today will have been provided with 3 boxes.

The dates that testing will need to take place from now until students return after the Easter break are detailed below:

- Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> or Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Please note, each self test kit has 3 individual Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests inside. So, as students have been provided with 3 self test kit boxes, this will allow them to complete 9 different tests at home.

As mentioned in my communication yesterday, we will be providing a small-scale asymptomatic testing site. If you are concerned that your child would not be able to test at home, please [click here](#) to complete the MS Form to inform us if you would like your child to be tested at school. We will be conducting tests on Monday and Thursday morning.

I'd like to conclude this letter by sharing with you the final results of our rapid asymptomatic COVID-19 testing on-site, since 8<sup>th</sup> March 5,539 tests have been completed and we have only returned 2 positive results.

Thank you for your continued support with the testing process.

Kind regards,



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