



18 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

With the successful completion of mass Covid testing in school tomorrow, we will be following the Department for Education guidance in moving to staff and students testing at home twice a week.

“Students and staff in secondary schools will be supplied with LFD test kits to self swab and test themselves twice a week at home. Staff and pupils must [report their result to NHS Test and Trace](#) as soon as the test is completed either online or by telephone as per the instructions in the home test kit. Staff and pupils should also share their result, whether void, positive or negative, with their school to help with contact tracing.

Staff or pupils with a positive LFD test result will need to self-isolate in line with the stay-at-home guidance. They will also need to arrange a lab-based polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test to confirm the result if the test was done at home. Those with a negative LFD test result can continue to attend school and use protective measures.”

We have prepared this presentation to aid you in carrying out these tests at home.

All students will be issued with a test kit (3 tests included) at the end of the day tomorrow, Friday 19 March. These tests are voluntary, please keep your test at home even if you choose not to test at this time, as you may decide in the future to use the tests.

Please request the test kit from your child on their return home and store it as per the instructions.

As members of a household of a current student, you can also get a twice-weekly test, these are the ways in which you can obtain a test kit.

- 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 faithfully

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