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Dear Parent/Carer

Home Testing Update

Following their three supervised tests on site, all participating students have now moved to twice weekly, rapid COVID-19 testing at home. Up to 1 in 3 people who have COVID-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading it without knowing. Getting into a regular habit of testing twice a week will help stop the virus spreading, keeping your family and friends safer.

We will be sending home a further supply of COVID-19 testing kits with your child this week. Your child should **continue testing twice a week, at home, throughout the Easter school holidays**. We recommend that students conduct their tests either on Monday and Thursday mornings, prior to eating or drinking, or on Wednesday and Sunday evenings to ensure that testing is evenly spaced, twice a week. Establishing this routine will be helpful if home testing is to continue after the Easter holiday when students are back at school. They should also test on either Sunday evening or Monday morning before they come back into school after the holiday.

This does not replace testing for those with symptoms. If you or your child have symptoms you must self-isolate immediately, book a PCR test and follow national guidelines.

Reporting results

- It is really important that results of tests are reported online straight away, even if your child's result is negative or void. It's easy to do at www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result.
- Results can also be reported via telephone by calling 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm.
- The result of each test must also be reported to school using this following link: [ASTREA COVID HOME TEST RECORDING](#)

Testing for parents, households and bubbles twice a week

A reminder that regular rapid testing is now also available for parents, their households and support or childcare bubbles. The government is encouraging all families to participate in twice weekly testing to help stop the spread of coronavirus.

Parents/carers and other adults in the household can access tests by:

- Ordering tests online www.gov.uk/order-school-household-tests
- Getting an assisted test at work, if it is available
- Attending a test site to get tested (where you will be able to see how to take the test) or pick up tests to do at home.

To find out more on school household testing visit [Households and bubbles of pupils, students and staff of schools and colleges: get rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

We continue to encourage everyone to take part in regular Covid-19 testing and thank you all again for your support in keeping our community safe.

Yours sincerely



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