



Dear Parents and Guardians,

### **Update on Twice-Weekly COVID-19 Testing at Home for Boys**

Following their three tests in school, boys have been provided with COVID-19 rapid testing kits (LFD tests) for twice-weekly testing at home.

Up to one in three 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 the school community safer.

Please make sure your son tests himself **twice a week, three to five days apart, in the morning before school, if possible, and, if not, the evening before.**

Boys have been given a leaflet with instructions on how to carry out the test using the kit. [Help and support is available](#), including instructions in different languages on how to test and report the results, and a video shows you how to take the test.

Your son should also **continue testing twice a week, at home, throughout the Easter school holidays**. We will be providing him with extra kits for use over the holidays before term ends.

This does not replace testing for those with symptoms. If your son has symptoms, he must self-isolate immediately, book a PCR test and follow national guidelines.

### **Reporting results**

It is important that test results are reported online straight away, even if your son's result is negative or void. This is easy to do [here](#). Results can also be reported via telephone by calling 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day, 7.00am to 11.00pm.

It is also important to keep a note of your son's results and share them with the school via the link [here](#) so that close contact tracing can be carried out, if required.

If your son tests positive from an LFD test carried out at home, you must arrange [a PCR test](#) to confirm the result. This is required because home tests are not carried out in a controlled environment and trained staff are not present.

Whilst awaiting the PCR result, your son and his close contacts should self-isolate.

If the PCR test result is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD carried out at home and your son can return to school. If the PCR test is positive, your son, his close contacts and members of your household must continue to self-isolate in accordance with the NHS stay at home guidance.

### ***Testing for parents, households and bubbles twice a week***

A reminder that regular rapid testing is now also available for parents, others within your household and your support or childcare bubbles. The Government is encouraging all families to participate in twice weekly testing to help stop the spread.

You can access tests by:

- Collecting tests from a [local collection site](#)
- Attending a rapid [test site](#) to get tested
- Getting an assisted test at work, if it is available
- Ordering tests [online](#)

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.](#)

We continue to encourage everyone to take part in regular COVID-19 testing.

Yours faithfully,

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