



Principal: Helen Corbett

Dear Parent / Carer,

9 September 2021

Our on-site testing programme concludes this week. Students, parents/carers and staff have been extremely supportive and co-operative enabling us to test the majority of students before they have returned to school. We will now transition from our on-site testing programme to home testing from next week. This letter contains important information regarding how students will receive their home testing kits and how the process will work.

Testing students at home

Students will be provided with a home test kit during form time on Friday 10th September. Each test kit contains 7 tests along with an 'instructions for use booklet'. If your child is absent on Friday, they can collect a home test kit from the Pupil Support Centre where their Pupil Support Assistant is based when they return to school. In line with government guidance, home testing should take place twice weekly. The 'instructions for use booklet' provides clear, step by step guidance regarding how to conduct the test. Home testing does not replace symptomatic testing. If your child has symptoms, they must self-isolate immediately, book a PCR test and follow national guidelines.

For home testing we are asking that you follow the timetable below over the coming weeks, ensuring that the tests are carried out after **5pm** on each of the specified dates. If these dates/times are not possible then doing the tests the morning after the suggested dates (before school) is also fine.

Test Number	Date
1	Sunday 12 th September
2	Wednesday 15 th September
3	Sunday 19 th September
4	Wednesday 22 nd September
5	Sunday 26 th September
6	Wednesday 29 th September
7	Sunday 3 rd October

Reporting Results

The result of every test needs to be reported using the NHS Test & Trace self-report website: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>. Further details about how to do this are included in the instructions for use booklet.

Results (whether they are positive, negative or void) will also need to be reported to the school by completing the google form on the link below. The link will also be available on the school website; <https://forms.gle/kNhrf7DuZGzUYdSQA>

What should you do after the test?

If your child tests positive, please inform the school and book a confirmatory PCR test. Your child will need to isolate until you the result of the PCR test. The NHS Test and Trace team will provide guidance if your PCR test is positive.

If the result of the test is **unclear (void)** you should do another test.

Negative and void results should also be reported to both [NHS Test & Trace](https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result) and school.

Taking part

Taking part in testing is voluntary and all students will be able to attend school whether they take part in home testing or not. Testing at home does not require written medical consent, consent is given by completing the test. Consequently, all students will be provided with the initial testing kits and as a school we are strongly encouraging all students to take part in the national testing programme.

Please contact your child's Director of Learning or Pupil Support Assistant, if you have any questions or concerns about home testing.

Thank you for your support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Dakers', written over a horizontal line.

Jonathan Dakers
Assistant Principal