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Dear Parent/Guardian

Firstly, we wanted to congratulate students on their positive return to the academy, and their calm and mature approach to the lateral flow testing system. We have been really proud of our students over the last few days.

Alongside the other control measures we have put in place to ensure students and staff can work in an environment that is as safe as possible, we are strongly encouraging all students and their families and households to take part in the home testing programme for coronavirus, twice a week. Further details of the government's programme can be found here:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/news/all-households-with-children-of-school-aged-to-get-rapid-covid-19-tests-per-person-per-week?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_source=813f5236-80a6-4440-bd45-db9f6692837d&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/all-households-with-children-of-school-aged-to-get-rapid-covid-19-tests-per-person-per-week?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=813f5236-80a6-4440-bd45-db9f6692837d&utm_content=daily)

Included with this letter is the home testing kit for this purpose.

All students **must** report each result to the NHS Test and Trace website as soon as the test is completed, either online or by telephone, as per the instructions in the home testing kit. They should also share their result, whether void, positive or negative with the academy. We have provided web links for both reporting mechanisms below:

NHS Reporting Site: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

Academy Result Reporting Form: <https://forms.gle/m8tiTKRVsLXuY8qi6>

### **Privacy/Consent**

The academy's privacy notice explains what happens to the data provided in relation to the testing process, and has been shown to all students. It can be seen here: <https://forms.gle/a7sWSrvPcwQv6NQe8>

Please note that students and parents DO NOT need to give written consent to take part in the home testing programme. All students have been given the opportunity to carry out testing at home, and consent to this is assumed once a test kit has been opened.

By testing regularly we will help to reduce the spread in school and college settings through asymptomatic transmission.



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## Lateral Flow Test Results

### Negative

If the result is negative, the student can attend the academy as normal, as long as they are not showing any coronavirus symptoms. Please remember that a negative test result does not guarantee that you are not carrying the virus, so you should continue to follow the safety precautions: wash hands regularly; wear a face mask; maintain social distancing.

### Void

If the test result is void, it must be repeated a second time. If the result of the second test is also void then the academy must be informed, a PCR test must be booked and the student must self-isolate. If the second test is negative, the student can return to school. If the second test is positive, a PCR test must be booked, and the student and your household must self-isolate. If the PCR test result is negative, the student can return to school.

### Positive

If the result of the test is positive, a PCR test must be booked, and the student and your household must self-isolate. If the PCR test result is negative, the student can return to school.

*In all cases, all results must be logged on the Academy Result Reporting Form.*

### When should students carry out the tests?

Students should test themselves at home twice a week, preferably in the morning before coming to school.

**We would like students to take the tests on Wednesdays and again at the weekend.**

### How should we dispose of the test kit and packaging?

The outer packaging provided with the test kits can be recycled. All of the used test kit (swabs, cartridges and devices) should be placed in the small waste bag provided with the kit, and disposed of in your non-recycled household waste.

### What if there's a problem with testing?

If there is an issue with the test kit, for example something is missing, please report it by calling 119, and also inform the academy. If an accident or injury happens whilst using the test kit, seek medical care by calling 111 or 999 (if it is an emergency). Please also report the problem using this link - <https://coronavirus-yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk/>

Mr Davis has filmed a 'How to...' video to support with home testing:

**Part 1:** [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UiczSAFPGL46gLfov-T\\_gFKQp-7Ytds/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UiczSAFPGL46gLfov-T_gFKQp-7Ytds/view?usp=sharing)

**Part 2:** <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1R96uHYFJ47XkSQ1ayqMhhtm9TqVThEUQ/view?usp=sharing>

Video guidance is also available from the NHS:

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvaBZskxS7tzQYIVg7lwH5uxAD9UrSzGJ>

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully



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