

## Update on twice weekly COVID-19 testing at home for students

Dear Parent/Carer,

Students will shortly be moving to twice weekly, rapid COVID-19 testing at home. This is following their first three supervised tests on site at school. 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 COVID-19 testing kits with your child from w/c March 15 as follows:

<b>Year 11 – 13</b>	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Year 8 &amp; 10</b>	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Year 7 &amp; 9</b>	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> March

Please make sure your child tests themselves **twice a week, 3-5 days apart, in the morning before school if possible and, if not, the evening before.**

Your child should also **continue testing twice a week, at home, throughout the Easter school holidays.** We will be sending home extra kits for the Easter holiday before term ends.

If your child has not been tested at school yet, then please get in touch with us so that we can arrange a time for them to be tested on site, before beginning home testing.

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

### Reporting results

It is really important that results of the test 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](http://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.

It is important to keep a note of your child's results and share them with the Academy as well. Students should do this by logging on to their school account and following the instructions provided, or by clicking [this link](#)

### What to do if your child tests positive

You must book a [PCR test](#) and follow [national guidelines](#) if your child's test is positive. You must contact the Academy immediately by phone [01388 603388]. You also need to contact the Academy when you receive the result from your child's PCR test.

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## 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.

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

- Ordering tests online [www.gov.uk/order-school-household-tests](http://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 \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk/government/news/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 and would like to thank parents for their support with testing so far.

Yours faithfully

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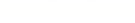
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