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Dear Parents/Carers

Testing in school is now complete with all students that had consent having their three tests. Students were responsible and mature in their attitude to testing and many of our volunteers have commented on their excellent behaviour throughout. The return to school, too, has been calm with students considering each other and wearing masks for the good of the whole community. Lessons have been productive with everyone pleased to be teaching and learning in person.

The next step in continuing to keep everyone safe is the use of lateral flow tests at home. The process is very straightforward, and we think this is a good way to reduce transmission of Covid-19 in school and the wider community. Testing is voluntary, but the more students that take part, the safer school will be. We will be showing a video to students in form time later this week about how to take the test and process the result. It shows a school age child administering the test themselves. There is also an NHS video link below which shows the whole process which you may find useful.

[NHS Lateral Flow Home Test Demonstration Video](#)

On Friday, students should receive three boxes of home testing kits. Each kit contains three tests, enough to last until after the Easter break with students testing themselves twice a week. Students will be asked to sign for the kits as they receive them on Friday. Each kit has an instruction booklet inside, but we have been told to ask you to use an updated version (v1.3.2 or v1.3.3) which will be given out with the kits and is also available on the school website. We have included any other information we think may help with this letter and will update the Lateral Flow Testing section of the website with everything you will need to support, including the privacy notice. We recommend that students get into a routine, choosing the same days each week to take a test for example. It is recommended that the test is done in the morning before coming to school, or the evening before if this is difficult. Please note that home testing follows slightly different rules than the testing in school (where trained staff have done the tests under controlled conditions) in particular relating to 11 year olds and follow up PCR tests.

The results of each test need to be reported to NHS via the link below:

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

You will also need to let us know the result in school and we have created an online survey for you to fill in to make this as easy as possible. The link to the survey is here:

[Trinity School Lateral Flow Test Results Form](#)

For any positive results, students/parents/carers must:

1. Remain at home and begin self-isolating immediately, along with all members of the household.
2. Go to a Covid-19 test centre for a PCR test (not a community testing site)
3. Inform us of the result of the PCR test via normal communication routes.



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4. Help us with tracing any contacts in school.

The Government also announced that households with children attending schools are also entitled to home test kits. If you wish to access this, you can order them using the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Please let us know if you have any problems with administering the tests at home. We have trained staff in school who will be able to support where needed. If there are any medical issues individuals should seek advice and care through the usual route of contacting 111 or 999.

Yours faithfully

Ms. Jo Hawkin
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