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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. 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.

We will be sending home 2 packs (there are 3 tests in each pack) of COVID-19 testing kits with your child on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Please make sure your child tests themselves **twice a week 3-4 days apart, in the morning before school if possible and, if not, the evening before**. Please wait 30 minutes after eating or drinking before taking the test.

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

## Reporting results

It is really important that results of test are reported online straight away, even if your child's result is negative or void. Week commencing the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March you will receive an email containing an **activation link** to **TestRegister.co.uk** account. This account will allow you to easily log your test results with school and with the NHS.

This same system will also send you 2 email reminders every week, the 1<sup>st</sup> on a Monday and the 2<sup>nd</sup> on a Thursday. If you have any issues logging your results on this system, please contact school immediately.

## 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)

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

For help on how to self-swab please visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zCqo7MhQT6U>

Many thanks for your continued support at this time.

Yours faithfully



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