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Dear Parents and Carers,

Student Self-Testing for Asymptomatic Covid-19 at home

As you will be aware, the government has advised students in secondary schools to switch to home testing of Covid-19 once they have completed their lateral flow tests in school. This means that **if you have consented to testing** in school for your daughter, she will be given a home testing kit to take home. This home testing kit will consist of an instruction booklet, along with two boxes which contain 3 lateral flow tests in each. Students are asked to take a test twice a week, 3-5 days apart.

The testing kit your daughter receives is for her own use over the next two weeks. You should decide on a testing schedule that is appropriate for her and your household. Testing does not necessarily need to be done first thing in the morning. You do not need to give any further consent for your daughter to take the test at home as consent is assumed when you open the kit and use it.

There is clear step by step guidance in the instruction booklet which your daughters will bring home with the testing kits. Once a student has completed the test, the result must be reported to NHS Test and Trace within 24 hours. Instructions on how to do this are in the booklet, but the easiest way is via the self-report website: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> **If the test result is positive please contact the school immediately.** Your daughter and the household will then need to self-isolate in line with NHS guidance and you should order a confirmatory PCR test.

I would like to remind you that a negative lateral flow test does not necessarily mean that your daughter does not have Covid-19, only that the virus has not been detected by the test at that time. We must therefore continue to observe social distancing and all of our existing Covid-19 control measures will remain in place in school in order to keep everyone in our school community safe. As before, please do not send your daughter to school if she or any other member of your household has symptoms of Covid-19.

Guidance from the DfE states that students should continue to self-test throughout the Easter holiday period, and in line with this we will issue students with further testing kits by the end of term. The government is also encouraging all families to participate in twice weekly testing to



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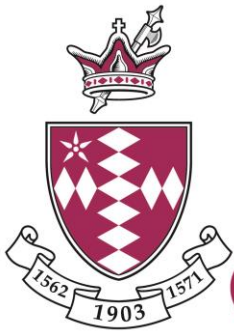
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help stop the spread. Parents and other adults in the household can access tests by a number of means, including ordering tests online at www.gov.uk/order-school-household-tests

Attached are some additional details regarding self testing and a helpful video can be [here](#):

Kind regards,

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