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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, we have been delivering lateral flow tests to all students with parental permission, for the last ten days. The students have undertaken the tests with calm and maturity and have enabled us to complete approximately 2000 tests in this period!

We are now in a position to be able to send lateral flow test kits home so that the students can conduct these tests themselves, twice per week. The test kits include easy to follow instructions to support their administration. These tests are for asymptomatic children (those who DO NOT have symptoms of Covid). If your child displays symptoms, please ensure that they self-isolate immediately, along with the household, until they have taken a PCR test and received a negative result.

Your child should return home this evening with two sets of home testing kits. Should you need any support from school to administer the tests, please just contact reception and we will be happy to help.

When conducting the tests at home, if a child has a negative test result, they can attend school as normal. If they have a positive test result, they will need to self-isolate and book a PCR test using the following link <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> to confirm the result. Should the PCR test be positive, they will need to self-isolate for 10 days, as will the rest of the household. If the PCR test is negative, they can return to school as normal. Please could you let school know of any positive results by contacting our Attendance and Family Liaison Officer, Rachel Graham on 01709 828 183.

You should upload the results from Covid home tests to the NHS on the following website <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

Conducting the tests in school has certainly been a challenge and has resulted in inevitable disruption for lessons and routine. However, it has been reassuring for students, staff and parents alike and has given the children the confidence to administer the tests themselves.



Hopefully, we can now return to some normality of routine in school and the students can continue to conduct the tests in the comfort of their home, in an attempt to keep everyone safe.

As always, if we can do anything at all to support you, please just let us know.

Take care,

Siobhan Kent
Principal