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Dear Parents/Carers

Home Testing Kits

As you are aware, since the school reopened on Monday 8 March we have been mass testing students for Covid-19 via a weekly lateral flow test in school, and we have been extremely pleased with how well students have met this challenge!

With effect from week commencing Sunday 28 March we will no longer be carrying out testing in school, instead students will be asked to undertake their tests at home.

Therefore, over the course of next week students will be issued with three test kit boxes to bring home (this will provide enough tests to last 4 ½ weeks). They will be given their test kits on the day that they go for their final lateral flow test in school; it would be very helpful if your child could bring a plastic bag with them to carry these kits home. Please make sure you retrieve the tests from them at the end of the day!

Year Group	Date of last test in school/test kits to be issued
Year 11 and Year 13	Monday 22 March
Year 10 and Year 12	Tuesday 23 March
Year 7	Wednesday 24 March
Year 9	Thursday 25 March
Year 8	Friday 26 March

We are expecting students to test twice a week, on a Sunday and Wednesday evening, starting on Sunday 28 March, to pick up any asymptomatic cases in the school community. Testing should also continue over the Easter holiday.

Full instructions on how to undertake the test are included with the test kit box and [this website](#) provides demonstration videos which may be helpful.

Test results must be reported to both the school and to NHS Test and Trace (even if negative or void). Once your child starts testing at home using lateral flow tests, positive results must be followed up with a confirmatory PCR test. The household will be required to start self-isolation straight-away, however this requirement will be lifted if the confirmatory PCR test comes back negative.

Further details on how to go about reporting results will be issued next week.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents/carers that households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including childcare and support bubbles, can test themselves twice every week at home. [Click here](#) to find out more, and how to access tests for the adults in your household should you so wish.

Yours sincerely

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