



8 April 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

We hope you are all safe and well. We are really looking forward to welcoming your child back to our academy after the Easter break. You will be aware that we had a significant number of positive lateral flow tests in the final week of last term, and as a result to ensure everyone's safety, we will continue to test all students with consent in school on Monday 12 April 2021.

Following this in school supervised lateral flow test and following government guidance, we are asking that students complete twice weekly, rapid COVID-19 testing at home. This is following their supervised tests on site at school.

Up to 1 in 3 people who have COVID-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading it without knowing. Getting into a regular habit of testing twice a week will help stop the virus spreading, keeping your family and friends safer.

Test kits will be made available to all students via the school. Please make sure your child tests themselves twice a week 3-5 days apart, in the morning before school if possible and, if not, the evening before.

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.

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 important that results of test are reported online straight away, even if your child's result is negative or void. It's easy to do at:

[www.gov.uk/reportcovid19-result](http://www.gov.uk/reportcovid19-result)

Results can also be reported via telephone by calling 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm.

It is important to keep a note of your child's results and share with school or college as well, using the google form attached.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=mGpNHDNKE0CQMocFldVid\\_dSw7RmD4VDjW5rKFYLGf1UNE1TVU5ZT0JXQTBFMldORVNLWVVIVIRKNC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=mGpNHDNKE0CQMocFldVid_dSw7RmD4VDjW5rKFYLGf1UNE1TVU5ZT0JXQTBFMldORVNLWVVIVIRKNC4u)

### 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.





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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))

We continue to encourage everyone to take part in regular Covid-19 testing. There is further information about Coronavirus, and the measures we are taking to protect children, on our school website. The students are to return to the academy on Monday 12 April 2021.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Reynolds'.

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