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Important Information regarding home testing for families of Secondary School students

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents, carers and other adults in **households with children at secondary school**, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing using Lateral Flow Devices (LFD). **This includes adults in childcare and support bubbles.**

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are different ways for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- › through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- › by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- › by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

The guidance is found here <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

If you have any queries about the tests, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

Student LFD Testing

For any families who missed the deadline to provide consent for their son / daughter to participate in our testing programme, please be reassured that you can still access home test kits for your child(ren). I will write to you next week with a link to our consent form (the current one is now closed) and your child will be tested on March 17th, 18th or 19th and will then qualify for LFD tests to take home. This decision is based on updated guidance received today from the DfE.

Yours faithfully



Miss L Proctor
Principal

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