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Dear Parent/Carer,

Covid-19 Home Testing – Easter Holidays

Firstly, thank you for your continued support in carrying out home testing with your child/children. It is great to see so many of our students participating in order to keep our school open and ensure that we are minimising the spread of Covid-19 in our community.

With the Easter holidays approaching and lockdown restrictions lifting in line with Government guidelines, please take note of the following guidance. For those who are participating in the home testing, we will be distributing additional testing kits next week which will last until the return to school on Monday 19 April. Testing at home should continue throughout the holidays and be carried out twice weekly, on a Wednesday and Sunday evening. It is important that students take a test before they return to school.

As a parent/carer, it is also being made readily available the option to access twice weekly home test kits and please find a link [here](#) to where you can order these. In the event that you run out of test kits during this period then this link can also be used to access more.

It is crucial that all test results are reported to both NHS/Gov.uk and school. Links below:

- Reporting your results to Gov.uk/NHS – [Link here](#)
- Reporting your results to school – [Link here](#)

Reporting an accidental positive LFD result

Whilst this has not been directly associated with any member from Ralph Allen, it has been brought to our attention that some families have accidentally reported a positive lateral flow test to NHS /Gov.uk. In this instance the guidance states that despite it being an accidental submission you will be required to self-isolate and go for a confirmatory PCR test straight away. NHS Test & Trace will contact anyone who reports a positive test result and if the LFD test was done at home it will require a confirmatory PCR. A negative PCR will override a positive result that has been entered into the system.

Support payment for parents/carers

Parents and carers of children who have been advised to self-isolate are now able to apply for a Test and Trace Support Payment or discretionary payment of £500, if you meet the eligibility criteria. This ensures that you receive the financial support if you are unable to attend work due to childcare responsibilities. Link to find out more can be found [here](#).

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Website

Updates and further information relating to Covid-19 can be found on our school website [here](#).

With kind regards

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Andy Greenhough
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