



16<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Ongoing Arrangements for Lateral Flow Testing – Primary & VB Students**

Following on from the successful delivery of Lateral Flow Device (LFD) testing for COVID-19 which has been delivered by staff in school since January, I am writing to update you regarding our plans moving forwards.

In line with guidance from the Department for Education, once pupils have received their three LFD tests following the reopening of schools on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, new arrangements will be coming into place. We will no longer be able to offer routine Lateral Flow Testing on site, in place of this we will be offering home testing kits.

In line with government guidance, primary aged students will not be tested, however parents of primary age pupils (Years 1-6) will be able to order and collect testing kits for yourself and all adults in the household to test themselves instead of testing their children. Your nearest COVID Rapid Test collection point can be found from the following link [Find a test centre \(test-and-trace.nhs.uk\)](https://www.test-and-trace.nhs.uk). Once you identify a convenient site, please check the additional site info for “Schools LFD kit collection” which tells you this facility is available.

There are supporting videos available ([How to do a COVID-19 Self Test \(rapid antigen test\) - YouTube](#)) which give information about how to administer and process a test.

Beginning the week of 22<sup>nd</sup> March, we ask that home tests please be completed on a weekly basis every Sunday evening in readiness for your child to attend school on the Monday morning and again on a Wednesday evening before they attend school on the Thursday morning.

In the event of a positive test result for anyone in the household, please inform the school immediately and book a PCR test through the following link [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

These home testing kits offer an invaluable opportunity to keep all of our staff and students safe on site by limiting the risk of transmission in school. The support and cooperation of parents and carers would be appreciated greatly with this.

Yours sincerely

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