



16th March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Ongoing Arrangements for Lateral Flow Testing – Secondary & Sixth Form Students

Following on from the successful delivery of Lateral Flow Device testing (LFD) 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 8th March, new arrangements will be coming into place. We will no longer be able to offer routine Lateral Flow Device testing on site, in place of this we will be offering home testing kits.

Pupils in Years 7-14 will be bringing home testing kits which they will be able to complete with the support of their parents/carers. The kits come with full, easy to follow, instructions. There are also 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. Please bear in mind that in place of swabbing tonsils, which can be challenging for our students, you can swab both nostrils instead to get a sample.

If you would like to request further home testing kits for your child in the future please email admin@treetops.thurrock.sch.uk with your child's name and class.

If parents of pupils in Years 7-14 feel their children would be unable to access an LFD test at home for sensory reasons or otherwise, we ask that all adults in the household test themselves instead of the child who cannot access the test.

You will be able to use the provided tests for this, then you will be able to order and collect further home testing kits for all adults in their household. Your nearest COVID Rapid Test collection point can be found from the following link [Find a test centre \(test-and-trace.nhs.uk\)](#).

Once you identify a convenient site, please check the additional site info for "Schools LFD kit collection" which tells you this facility is available.

Beginning the week of 22nd 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 \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

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These home testing kits offer an invaluable opportunity to keep all of our staff, students and the wider community safe by limiting the risk of transmission in school. The support and cooperation of parents and carers is much appreciated greatly with this.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Brewer', written in a cursive style.

Mr J Brewer

Head teacher