

Dear Parent/Carer

Home Testing Kits

We have now received notification that the government would like secondary school children and staff to continue their routine of home testing during the Easter break. Your child should be coming home today with a further two packs of tests.

Please can you help them plan a continuation of their 3/4 day testing routine so that they either test on Sunday 11th April, or better still, the morning of Monday 12th April so we know that we have a school community returning after Easter who have all tested negative.

If a student tests positive at home:

Students **will** be required to have a confirmatory PCR test. You can access this through a drive/walk through centre or postal PCR test kits are available to order online - [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/get-a-free-pcr-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus)

Students and household members must self-isolate whilst waiting for the results - [Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection)

Please notify school of all positive results (LFD and PCR) through calling the COVID line on 07387 064221.

If the PCR test is negative, students and household members no longer need to self-isolate and can return to school or work.

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you that we do need to follow the track and trace protocols if your child tests, *even over the Easter break* – please call our COVID line on 07387 064221. If the call is not answered immediately please leave your child's name and year group and you will be called back.

Changes to the Test and Trace support payment for parents:

Parents and carers of children who have been advised to self-isolate by their education setting or by NHS Test and Trace are now able to apply for a [Test and Trace Support Payment](https://www.gov.uk/test-and-trace-support-payment) or discretionary payment of £500, if they meet the eligibility criteria. The extension of the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme, which is administered by district and unitary local authorities in England, ensures that parents receive the financial support they need if they are unable to attend work due to childcare responsibilities.

Parents and carers should apply to their local authority to receive a payment. Applications for the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme are made via the local authority in which the parent or carer resides, not the local authority where the setting is situated (if these are different). For full details please click here if you think you may be eligible to access the support payment -

[Claiming financial support under the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/claiming-financial-support-under-the-test-and-trace-support-payment-scheme)

Thank you for all your support with this testing regime, it has certainly helped make everyone feel that bit safer since we have returned to school.

Have a safe and restful Easter.