

12 March 2021

Dear Parent or Carer

### Home-testing update

As you will be aware, we have been running Covid-19 lateral flow tests in school for the last ten days and we've been really pleased with how our students have behaved with great maturity and resilience during these on-site tests. Final on-site testing will take place next week and we will then be able to move to home testing with lateral flow home test kits from week beginning 22 March 2021.

Once students have completed their third test next week, they will be provided with two home testing kits containing a total of six home tests. The kits are for use during school term time and should not be used during the Easter holidays. Other people within the same household are able to access their own kits and can follow this [link](#) for full details.

It is highly recommended that home testing takes place twice a week, 3 to 5 days apart. So, for example Sunday and Wednesday, however you may if you wish choose to do this on different days. Parents/carers of children aged 11 should conduct the test for their child. It is also recommended that parents/carers should supervise children over the age of 11 as they complete their test.

Clear guidance on self-testing is contained in the 'Instructions for Use' leaflet, which comes with the test kit. Useful information on how to use the home test kits, including a helpful video can also be found via this [link](#).

By accepting and using the home test students are agreeing to report the outcome of the tests themselves to NHS Test and Trace and to the school and results should be recorded as follows:

- Inform NHS Track and Trace of the result either [online](#) at or by telephoning 119. Detailed instructions for reporting to Test and Trace are contained within the home testing kits.
- Inform the school of the outcome of the test (negative, void or positive) by completing this [link](#). This will help us with stock control and enable us to order and distribute replacement kits as needed.

Please be aware that a positive at home lateral flow test should be assumed to be positive for test and trace purposes and reported immediately to the school and on the

Test and Trace system. The person testing positive is however required to complete a confirmatory PCR test which will be arranged by the test and trace using this [link](#).

**However, in the event of a positive result, we ask that we are also informed immediately by emailing [office@driffieldschool.org.uk](mailto:office@driffieldschool.org.uk) or ringing the school office during school hours.**

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.

Thank you for your continued support at this time.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Dalton".

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