

22 March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Lateral Flow Testing and the move to Home Testing Kits

All students who have consented to have a test have now had the opportunity to take three tests in school. In total, we have carried out 3225 lateral flow tests and I am delighted to report that there were no positive cases identified. We are extremely grateful to the staff who have supported this and proud of the students who have conducted themselves so well.

As explained in our earlier communication, those students that have completed three tests in school are now eligible for home testing kits to enable them to test at home. Last week, each eligible student was provided with two kits, which will cover the next three weeks. Taking part in testing is voluntary but secondary school students are strongly encouraged to test twice a week (3 to 5 days apart) to help identify asymptomatic cases and help prevent people spreading the virus without knowing. **Please note that the Department for Education is now asking students to continue using the tests throughout the Easter holidays.**

The parents/carers of children aged 11 have been asked to 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 using the link below:

<https://theeducationalliance.org.uk/coronavirus-information/#Testing>

The result of each test (even if it negative or void) should be reported using the NHS Test & Trace self-report website: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> or by telephone to the number given in your pack.

### Positive LFT result

If a home testing kit produces a positive result, the student testing positive (plus all household members and close contacts) will need to self-isolate and **must not come to school**. Following a positive home test result, a confirmatory PCR test will be required. The instruction booklet informs you how to arrange this: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. If the PCR test returns a negative result then there is no further need to self-isolate.

In the event of a **positive result**, **please contact the school as soon as possible** via the email [office@driffieldschool.org.uk](mailto:office@driffieldschool.org.uk) or by phoning reception on 01377 253631 if during school hours. If the result of the test is negative or void, then please let the school know completing this [link](#). This will help us with stock control and enable us to order and distribute replacement kits as needed.

Please note, if students who have tested positive in the last 90 days choose to participate in testing and receive a positive result, they will be required to self-isolate in line with Test and Trace guidance.

Thank you for your help and support with this. I hope you have a lovely Easter holiday.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Dalton'.

Debbie Dalton  
Deputy Headteacher