



Year 11 and Year 13 Parents/Carers

16 March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been wonderful to welcome our students back to school this week. They have settled in fantastically well and have taken the testing in their stride.

Home Tests

Following the three supervised tests that students will take in school, students will move to twice weekly home testing. We will continue to use Lateral Flow Tests (LFDs) for this purpose. All students will be given a pack of 3 tests on Thursday 18 March.

Each week, your child should complete a test on a Monday and Thursday evening. Please follow the guidelines which have been included with the tests to report the result to NHS Test and Trace. In addition, you will need to report your result to the school using classcharts. A video detailing the home testing process is linked [here](#) alongside a guide [here](#). It is crucial that positive, void and negative results are all recorded with both NHS Test and Trace and the school.

Results

Results take around half an hour from testing.

- **Positive test result** - The classcharts log will alert your child's Head of House. Following a positive LFD test, your child will need to complete a PCR test which can be booked [here](#). If the PCR test is positive, your child and your household will be required to isolate for 10 days. If the PCR test is negative, your child can return to school.
- **Void test result** - A second test should be completed at home and the result reported to Test and Trace and via classcharts.
- **Negative test result** - Your child is able to attend school as normal.

FAQs

What if staff or students have been in close contact with someone in school who tests positive?

The staff member or student will be notified that they are a close contact by the school and will need to self-isolate for 10 days in line with [government guidance](#).

What if my child develops symptoms?

This home testing programme at school is for people with no symptoms. If your child develops symptoms at any time (including a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste) they must immediately self-isolate and book a test by calling 119 or visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

My child has had a positive PCR test in the last 90 days. Should they test using the lateral flow test?

If your child has received a positive PCR test within the last 90 days, we understand that this could produce a positive test result and so completion of the test in this scenario is optional.

Further government information regarding the asymptomatic testing programme can be found [here](#).

Thank you for your support with our testing programme. Please continue to be vigilant for symptoms in your household and our staff will continue to support your child throughout. Should have any questions please email school@skdrive.org.

Yours sincerely



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