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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Important information about LFD testing in school and the roll out of home testing

We are pleased to report that the vast majority of our students have participated in the Covid testing programme, which is one of our many measures to ensure that school is as safe as possible. We have processed over 4000 tests so far; it has been a huge undertaking and the school staff and volunteers have formed a remarkable team. Many thanks to those of you who volunteered to help; we were inundated with offers of help and apologies if we haven't managed to respond to you all individually.

LFD home testing for students

Students have been offered three tests in school and will now be provided with their home testing kits, which are free of charge. We will send test kits home to all students, other than for those who have previously refused consent for testing. If you have previously refused consent for in school testing but would like to receive home testing kits, please let us know. Students and parents do not need to give written consent to take part in the home testing programme. If you do not wish your child to take part in home testing, please ask them not to take tests when they are given out at school - this will help us to ensure that kits are not wasted. If your child would like further instruction from school in how to undertake the home tests, again, please let us know.

Students will receive 4 boxes, each containing 3 test kits (please ask them not to open the kits until they arrive home) along with full instructions of how to take the test and report the results. This is enough tests to get them through to the end of term, through the Easter break and beyond. Students should test themselves twice a week following the process below:

- Students aged 18 and over should do the test themselves and report the result, with help if they need it.
- Students aged 12-17 should do the test themselves with adult supervision. The adult may help the [pupil/student] to take the test if they need support.
- Students aged 11 must be tested by an adult and the adult must report the result.



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- The result of each test should be uploaded to NHS Test & Trace site <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> . You can also report a result by phone. Further details of this quick and easy process are included in the instruction booklet that will come with the tests.
- Negative or void results should be emailed to covidstudent@ecgbert.sheffield.sch.uk We have been asked by the DfE to collate the results of all tests for both staff and students. Please see more information about how personal information and test results will be shared in the privacy notice [here](#).
- If a student receives a positive result, please contact the school immediately by phone, to speak to the Attendance Officer or your child's Year Manager or via the school email address enquiries@ecgbert.sheffield.sch.uk . If a pupil tests positive they will need to stay at home and begin to self isolate immediately with their household and any support bubbles they are part of. A confirmatory PCR test should be booked as soon as possible at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> . If the follow up test confirms the positive result, you should continue to isolate. If the result is negative then the student can return to school.

Please see the attached leaflet for further details, and this link to an instructional video about the testing process:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9XR8RZxKNo&list=PLvaBZskxS7tzQYIVg7lwH5uxAD9UrSzGJ&index=1> .

Further help and support is available [here](#) including instructions in different languages as well as on our [website](#).

LFD testing for your household

Whole families and households with secondary school age children are now able to test themselves twice every week from home. This testing can be accessed through the following channels:

- Get a rapid test at work, through workplace testing. Ask your employer for more information.
- Attend a test site to get tested where you will be able to see how to take the test or pick up tests to do at home (you can find your nearest test site via the postcode checker www.gov.uk/find-covid-19-lateral-flow-test-site)
- Collect tests to do at home - find your nearest collection site [COVID Test Finder \(test-and-trace.nhs.uk\)](https://test-and-trace.nhs.uk).

If these options are not possible, there will be a supply of rapid tests for order online for people who need them the most. More information can be found on www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests

Yours faithfully
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