



Tring School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your support with our in-school Coronavirus testing, the students have coped brilliantly and the process is going smoothly. I am now writing to confirm arrangements for home testing.

Following the third test next week, students will be given their first set of home testing kits, enough for two weeks. Subsequent kits will be given out by form tutors. The Government guidance suggests testing twice per week and that they either test on Sunday and Wednesday evenings or Monday and Thursday mornings. The students will need to begin testing on Sunday 21/Monday 22 March and they do need to continue to test through the Easter holidays.

We will send forms for you to report test results via our Operoo system which will inform the school of the result of each test, whether it is positive, negative or void. There will also be a "test declined" option if you choose for your child not to be tested. The Government advises that students should also decline testing if they are within 90 days of a positive PCR test, as the result may show a false positive.

You will also need to report your result to the NHS and instructions for this process are detailed in the "step by step guide" issued with the test kits.

All positive results from lateral flow tests undertaken at home **do** need to be confirmed with a standard PCR test. This is because these tests are not conducted in a controlled environment with trained staff on hand. Whilst awaiting the PCR result, the student and their close contacts should self-isolate. If the PCR test is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test (at-home only) and a child can return to school. If you report a positive result through Operoo, we will email you with separate instructions regarding reporting the subsequent PCR result.

The "step by step guide" leaflet **inside** the box of tests has been replaced with an updated version. The updated version will be given to students when they collect their first set of tests next week. Please read the updated guide carefully, it contains important information on how to store and use the tests. [Here](#) is an NHS

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step-by-step video to support students with the home testing process, it might be useful to watch this together with your child before you carry out the first test.

I am re-attaching our [Privacy Notice](#) which details the storage and use of data in relation to Coronavirus testing at Tring school.

Thank you once again for your support with the testing processes. Please email tringschool@tringschool.org if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

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