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Dear Parent/Carer,

Lateral Flow Home Testing Kits for Students

[The government recently announced](#) that all secondary and college aged students will be offered tests to make the return to school safer for everyone from Monday 8th March 2021.

As part of this process the school has successfully completed three rounds of in school testing over the last couple of weeks.

The next stage is for your child to now be tested from home. In order to support this we have today provided your child with a COVID-19 home testing kit to use from home. There are 3 test kits in each pack.

Up to 1 in 3 people who have COVID-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading it without knowing. Getting into a regular habit of testing twice a week will help stop the virus spreading, keeping your family and friends safer.

Student Home Test Kits

The COVID-19 home test kit your child has been provided free of charge and contains a leaflet on how to take the test and report the results.

The DfE has published [a step-by-step guide](#) on YouTube to support the transition to home testing.

[Translated guidance on how to self-test](#) in different languages is also now available.

You will need to ensure your child tests themselves twice a week every Monday and Thursday in the morning before school and, if not, the evening before. Your child should also continue testing twice a week, at home, throughout the Easter school holidays.

This does not replace testing for those with symptoms. If you have symptoms you must self-isolate immediately, book a PCR test and follow national guidelines.

Reporting Results

The result of each test needs to be reported using the NHS Test & Trace self-report website www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result.

Results can also be reported via telephone by calling 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm.

It is really important that results of the tests are reported online straight away, even if your child's result is negative or void.

If your child tests positive;

- Your child, your household, and any support bubbles you are part of should self-isolate immediately in line with NHS Test and Trace guidance for 10 days.
- You should book a [PCR test](#) as soon as possible.
- You must inform the school immediately by emailing details to covidresult@lister.newham.sch.uk, giving the name, date of birth and tutor group of your child. Your child must stay home and self-isolate.

If the result of the test is unclear (void) they will need to do another test.

Why take part

Taking part in testing is voluntary and all students will be able to attend school whether they take part in testing or not.

I am strongly encouraging all students to take part. Testing at home will allow your child and other students to attend school as safely as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns about home testing please email covidresult@lister.newham.sch.uk.

Testing for Parents and your family

As a Newham resident you and your family are encouraged to participate in the rapid testing programme organised by the council and set up in local Community Centres across the borough.

Please find further details and how to book by going to the [Newham Testing Website](#).

Thank you for all the support you have provided the school with ensuring that we have had a successful return back to school for all our students, it is very much appreciated.

Your continued support by engaging with the national testing programme will help to ensure the safety of our whole school community.

Yours sincerely,



Eileen Griffin
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