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Dear Parent/Carer

The Government has recently announced that all secondary and college aged students will be offered test at home kits to keep school safer for everyone.

Testing students at home

The process is as follows:

- Students who consent, will undertake 3 lateral flow device tests in school.
- Once 3 tests have been taken, Students will be given home test kits by their form tutors during registration. They are required to sign for these.
- All students will need to take two tests a week.
- We would like them to take their tests before school on Monday and before school on Thursday.
- Your child will need to inform school of the result of each test by logging into the school website and using the Log Covid Test Result app located in the Cloud Apps tab.

Tests are free of charge. Students will receive a pack of 3 or 7 tests in a box with a leaflet on how to take the test and report the results.

Make sure your child has enough time to do the test before coming to school. Guidance is that it can take up to 45mins, including the 30min wait for the test result. Preferably this would be in the morning before coming into school. However, we understand that for some people this may be challenging. Therefore, tests can be taken in the evening on Sunday and Wednesday.

If there are items missing from your test kits, please follow the guidance in the information leaflet.

Your child should also **continue testing twice a week, at home, throughout the Easter school holidays**. We will be sending home extra kits for Easter holiday before term ends.

If your child has not been tested at school yet, then please get in touch with us so that we can arrange a time for them to be tested on site, before beginning home testing.

Taking the test

We will give students a leaflet with instructions on how to do the test with the kit (please ignore the leaflet enclosed in the testing kit box). There is also a useful video to show you how to take the test [here](#).

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[Help and support is available](#), including instructions in different languages on how to test and report the results and a video showing you how to take the test.

There is no need to keep used test equipment after the test result has been reported. You can put it in your normal bin (household waste).

This **does not** replace symptomatic testing. If you have symptoms, you should self-isolate immediately, book a PCR test (at a local test centre) and follow national guidelines.

Understanding the test results and what to do next:

If anyone tests **positive you, your household, any support bubbles you are part of** should self-isolate immediately in line with NHS Test and Trace guidance for 10 days.

You need to report your result to both [NHS Test and Trace](#) **AND** school to covid@speters.org.uk. You will then be contacted as part of the School's track and trace process.

You should [order a confirmatory PCR test](#) if you are testing at home (confirmatory PCR tests are not needed if the test was conducted at the Asymptomatic Test Site at School).

If the result of the test is **unclear (void)** you should do another test.

Negative and void results should be reported to both [NHS Test & Trace](#) **AND** school via the Log Covid Test Result app located in the Cloud Apps tab. Students should continue attending school.

A negative result does not guarantee that you are not carrying the virus. So, you should continue to follow social distancing, and other measures to reduce transmission such as wearing a face mask and regularly washing your hands and observing social distancing.

If you or anyone in your household gets symptoms of the virus you should follow [national guidelines on self-isolation and testing](#).

You need to report each test result

As well as logging your result on the school system (details above) the result of each test needs to be reported using the NHS Test & Trace self-report website: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>.

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.

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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.

Please contact Taryn Freemantle or Sally Johns, our COVID Coordinators or email covid@speters.org.uk if you have any questions or concerns about home testing.

Thank you for your support.

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