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Dear Parent,

Lateral Flow Device tests at home

Up to one in three people who have COVID-19 can spread the virus without knowing. This is because they have no symptoms. To reduce the spread of the virus, we need to identify those individuals and have been testing students in school with parent consent.

On Thursday, 18th March we will have completed the COVID-19 testing of students in school. During next week we will be providing a one-off distribution of home testing kits for all students who wish to undertake testing at home.

If you do not wish your child to do home testing, **please ask them NOT to take the kits offered to them.**

Parents will be sent a confirmatory text on the day the test kits are handed out to your child's year group.

School will be distributing a double pack of free test kits (containing 3 tests each) which should be used 3-4 days apart. This will ensure your child has enough tests to last through to the Easter break. More information on where to get further test kits from if they are required, will be available after this time.

Guidance can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

Testing your child at home

We would like your child to take their tests preferably before coming to school in the morning, 3-4 days apart. Please be aware that results take 30 minutes to process.

You will also need to report the result of each test to both school and NHS Test and Trace which you should do through:



- School directly – You should **NOT** ring school with your results. Please inform us through this link only: [LFD Testing Results Tracker](#)
- NHS Test and trace: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

Please find a privacy statement on the use of data on our website. You should read this statement as once you start to undertake home testing you are committing to self-administer the test and report your results as above.

Taking the test

We will give students a leaflet with instructions on how to do the test with the kit. There is also a useful video to show you how to take the test here:

[Taking the Test Video](#)

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 here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-self-test-help>

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 and follow national guidelines.

What should you do after the test?

- 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.
 - Report your result as above to both school and the NHS
 - you should order a confirmatory PCR test if you are testing at home. These are available here: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>
- If the result of the test is unclear (void):
 - you should do another test.
- If anyone test negative:
 - results should also be reported to both NHS Test & Trace and 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 whilst also 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.

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.

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

Please contact covid@ellisguilfordschool.org.uk if you have any further questions or concerns about home testing.

Many thanks for all your support.

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