



12 March 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Covid-19 home Testing kits**

Covid-19 home testing kits will be available to students to start testing at home following their third Covid-19 test at school. We will hand the packs of tests and a new set of instructions to students as they leave the Sports hall following the third test. Each student will receive 2 packs of 3 tests, which is sufficient for twice weekly testing until the end of the term. This will commence with Year 11 students on Monday 15 March 2021. **Please note that only students for whom we have received consent for the in-school testing will receive home test kits, as the supervised self-swabbing in school was designed to train students before the transition to home testing.**

Please can we ask that you read the information below and watch the video before carrying out testing with your child at home:

- [How to self test at home](#)
- [Step by Step guide to Covid-19 self testing](#)

Please note that by receiving and opening the test at home, you are legally committing to reporting your child's results via [the NHS Test & Trace reporting system](#). All test results must also be reported to the school, whether negative or positive. Please follow the link here to report the result to your child's school:

<https://forms.gle/MseFyvz1MLDmWVfE8>

Please can we ask that positive results are emailed to the school on [meroffice@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:meroffice@maidenerleghtrust.org).

The form above can also be used to detail any issues experienced in the testing process or with the testing kits. A privacy notice which details the information collected as part of the reporting process is available [here](#).

Please note the following:

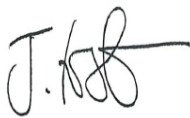
- Students aged 11 should be assisted with the test, all other students should be supervised;
- The current guidance is to not eat or drink anything for 30 minutes before undertaking the test;
- It is advised that anybody who has tested positive for Covid-19 in the past 90 days does not take a test;
- The suggested schedule is to test on a Sunday evening/ Monday morning and Wednesday evening/ Thursday morning and to know the result before coming to school;
- A positive result on a home test will need to be confirmed by a PCR test which can be booked [here](#). The child and the household will need to isolate until the result is known;
- The home test kits provided are for the sole use of the student. Test kits for the rest of the family can be obtained from your local test centre;
- You should seek medical assistance via 111 or 999 if urgent medical assistance is required during the testing process.

We will make arrangements for those year 10 students who are currently isolating to collect kits from the office on Friday 19 March, ready for their return to school on Monday 22 March. Details of timings will follow next week.

If you would like your child to test themselves at home but have not previously provided consent for them to be tested in school, please contact the office and we will discuss this with you.

Please contact me via the office if you have any questions or if you wish to discuss anything further. I would strongly encourage you to assist your child to undertake the tests routinely and in accordance with the instructions provided to help keep our school free of any Covid-19 cases or outbreaks.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Foster', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Mrs J Foster**  
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