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16th March, 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

**Lateral Flow Testing (LFT) Pupils/Students at home**

Government is asking all secondary aged pupils/students to take part in LFT testing at home and this is on a voluntary basis. This is a fast and simple way to test people who do not have symptoms of COVID-19, but who may still be spreading the virus. The test are easy to use and give results in 30 minutes.

We understand that each child has individual needs. Many children will adapt to testing becoming part of their routine, others will find it more challenging. Taking part in testing is voluntary and all children will be able to attend Green Lane whether they take part or not. We hope that the option to take the test in the morning or the evening will support families to test at home.

Home Test Kits will be sent home with your child on a regular basis. These tests are free of charge and your child will receive a pack with a leaflet on how to take the test and report the results.

If you require further help, please go to <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-self-test-help> which contains video instructions and instructions in other languages. Below is a simple diagram of how to self-test.



The result of each test needs to be reported using the NHS Test & Trace self-report website: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> or report by telephoning 119.

There is no need to report this result to school, unless it is a **Positive Test Result**. If your child has a **positive test** **result**, they will need to stay home, self-isolate and get a PCR test. If the result of the test is unclear (void) they will need to do another test.

**Taking Part**

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

I am strongly encouraging all pupils to take part in the national testing programme. School is recommending the test is completed twice a week, preferably on Sundays and Wednesdays.

If you have had COVID in the last 90 days, please do not use the LFT until the 90 days from the COVID test result has passed, then start testing twice weekly.

Tests provided by school should only be used for pupils at Green Lane due to the limited supply we receive. We understand that many families will also want to take part in regular testing, and packs can be ordered online - <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> or collected from local testing sites. A list of sites can be found at <https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>. Please note that tests should only be ordered online if you cannot access a test site, and only seven tests are sent at a time if you order online. If you collect from a test site, you are able to collect multiple packs to avoid unnecessary visits.

Please continue to LFT test during the Easter holidays and report as above.

If you decide not to use the LFT kits, please return to school.

If you have any question or concerns about home testing, please do not hesitate to contact myself.

Thank you for your support

Yours sincerely



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