

16 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: COVID-19 Home Testing Kits for Students

As per our previous correspondence, in school testing continues for the remainder of this week and home testing kits have started to be distributed to our students for use commencing Sunday 21 March.

Over the last three weeks, our staff and students have been engaged in the Government's Mass Testing programme. It is with great appreciation that we have had a phenomenal up-take on-site with an overwhelming majority of students accessing the Lateral Flow Tests. Our sincere thanks to you all for taking the time to book a test for the students online and providing a screenshot or print out to bring in to school. It is great to see so many of our school community playing their part in reducing case numbers and saving lives, through participation with the testing programme. Regular testing will help to break the chains of transmission, supporting us all in the fight to control the pandemic and reduce infection.

Once students have accessed three Lateral Flow Tests with guidance in school, they may transition to using home testing kits which will be signed out to them on completion of the third test. The transition for this has begun this week. They will receive **two boxes of three tests**, which is a sufficient supply for **three weeks** of use by each student who receives. In addition, they will also receive a separate booklet of instructions (**v.1.3.2**) which have replaced those contained inside the box and which should be referred to when supporting with home testing. Students must have undertaken a minimum of **three** tests on site before being allowed to commence home testing.

Gaining consent to test at home differs from gaining it to test on-site. Written consent is no longer needed to test at home. Instead, consent is gained through an 'opt-in' system. Quite simply, those who take a test at home, automatically consent by participation.

Once a test has been taken, **there is a legal requirement for the test result to be reported to NHS Test and Trace and to school.**

It is currently recommended that testing at home is carried out **twice weekly at home** (3 to 4 days apart), **before** coming into school. We recommend testing takes place last thing on a Sunday Night and a Wednesday Night but please use your own discretion.

We would ask you to complete the Microsoft Forms Results survey for school below on completion of all **SIX** tests.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=gpGINmBo_0aOcV4qHhM4ZmqKQGLAWPNctZ2Il3jTYkZUQzIBWEY1MFFBQTMMyNEo1VkpYQIQxMTEyUS4u

If at any point, you receive a Positive or Void result, then please contact school to report this result immediately.

We would, however, request that if you did not consent to your child receiving a Lateral Flow Test at school, that you contact admin@hungerhillschool.com to request a home testing kit for your child, where we will add you to our records which are needed to track results and for test allocation purposes.

Please note, these home kits are for the **intended students' use only**. Please see further guidance below in the FAQs if you require household testing kits.

Currently, there is **no** requirement for anyone to take a test if they have tested positive for Coronavirus within the last 90 days. However, if you develop new symptoms, you should book a confirmatory PCR test and begin to isolate until you receive the result. Subsequently, after a negative PCR test, isolation can cease.

Please be aware of the following prior to taking a test kit home:

- Taking a test kit home means that you are consenting to testing irrespective of whether you have consented previously.
- All test kits are registered on-site when issued internally and the test kit is for you child's use only.
- Once you carry out a test at home you are required to register that result whether negative, positive, or void, with NHS Test and Trace and school. Further details are outlined below on how and when to report the result to school.

It is important that students keep testing through the Easter holidays to manage the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), as part of a regular habit of testing at home every 3-4 days (twice a week). A further supply of home testing kits will be distributed to students before the Easter holidays.

As a school, the following process is in place for home testing to take place:

1. **Opt-in:** You will need to read the attached privacy notice.
2. **Collect Test Kits:** Upon you child's third test, they will be given two test kits and a set of updated instructions (**V1.3.2**). Your child will be required to sign to say that they have received these.
3. **Test at Home:** Follow the **v1.3.2** instructions (**dated 15th January**) issued with your test kit. (For ease, these are the instructions without a picture on the front). For those of you who may be unfamiliar with the process here is a link explaining how to carry out the test at home:
4. [How to do a COVID-19 Self Test \(rapid antigen test\) - YouTube](#)
5. **Check Your Results:** At 30 minutes, check the result. Please note, the results are invalid after 30 minutes.
6. **Recording your results:** Please keep a record of your test results and the date that you tested. There is a form in the back of the instruction booklet for you to do this. You will be required to report this to school. See bullet 7 below. There is



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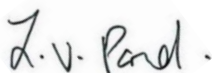
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7. **Report Result to NHS Test and Trace:** All outcomes, negative, positive, or void, must be reported to the NHS Test and Trace using the following link. [Report a COVID-19 test result - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/report-a-covid-19-test-result).
8. **Report result to school:** Schools are expected to continue keeping an overview of testing that is taking place. Therefore, upon completion of your **six** tests, (using the records you have kept from bullet point 5) please complete and return an overview of the tests you have conducted using the forms link here. Any **void** or **positive results** must be communicated to school immediately: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=gpGINmBo_0aOcV4qHhM4ZmqKQGLAWPNctZ2II3jTYkZUQzIBWEY1MFFBQTMMyNEo1VkpYQIQxMTEyUS4u

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Some frequently asked questions:

Can I take the test myself?

Students aged **12-17** should do the test themselves with adult supervision. The adult may help the student to take the test if they need support. Students **aged 11** must be tested by an adult and the adult must report the result. Can I take the test myself?

What do I do if my test result is positive?

You must notify school immediately of your positive test result and begin to self-isolate. 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. Unlike testing on-site, if you test positive using a home testing kit, **you should book a confirmatory PCR** test and follow the subsequent guidance depending upon the outcome of this. A negative PCR test will allow the self-isolation period to conclude.

What does it mean if I have a negative result?

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.

This asymptomatic testing programme does not replace current guidance for those with symptoms or those identified as a close contact of a positive case. Anyone with symptoms, whether they are involved in this programme or not, should book a free NHS test and follow government self-isolation guidance until the results of their test are known. Testing also does not replace basic preventative measures such as regular handwashing, PPE and social distancing.

What do I do if my test result is VOID?

If your test result is void, then please do a second home test. You should contact school with the date of the void result/s. If you receive **two** void tests, you should book a PCR test.

Are LFD tests accurate?


Lateral Flow Devices identify people who are likely to be infectious. These individuals tend to spread the virus to many people and so identifying them through this test is important.

These tests have been widely and successfully used to detect COVID-19 in asymptomatic individuals and are approved by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA). The speed and convenience of the tests supports the detection of the virus in asymptomatic individuals, who would not otherwise have got tested.

The tests are highly specific, with low chance of false positives. They are also very sensitive and are able to identify the majority of the most infectious yet asymptomatic individuals. Extensive evaluation has been carried out on the tests and it shows that they are both accurate and sensitive enough to be used in the community for screening and surveillance purposes.

It is important to remember that these tests are only an aid to help stop the spread of the virus and you should continue to follow other guidance such as on wearing face coverings and social distancing.



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How are LFD tests different to PCR tests?

There are 2 main types of test to check if you have coronavirus:

- polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests check for the genetic material (RNA) of the virus in the sample - you send the sample for processing at a lab
- lateral flow device (LFD) tests detect proteins called 'antigens' produced by the virus - they give rapid results within 30 minutes

Can I or someone else in my household use a test kit sent home from school?

No, however whole families and households with primary school, secondary school, and college age children, including childcare and support bubbles, will be able to test themselves twice every week from home. This testing can be accessed through the following channels:

- get a rapid test at work, through workplace testing. Ask your employer for more information
- attend a test site to get tested where you will be able to see how to take the test or pick up tests to do at home (you can find your nearest test site via the postcode checker www.gov.uk/find-covid-19-lateral-flow-test-site or check your local council website)
- collect tests to do at home, find your nearest collection site [COVID Test Finder \(test-and-trace.nhs.uk\)](https://www.covid-test-finder.nhs.uk)

If these options are not possible, there will be a supply of rapid tests for order online for people who need them the most. More information can be found on www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests

There is [more information available about testing for households and bubbles of students](#).

What if my child cannot tolerate a swab down their throat, perhaps due to their disability?

A child or young person may find it difficult to take a throat swab due, for example, to their having difficulty in understanding instructions, needing to keep their mouth open during the period of swabbing or they are having a strong gag reflex. In such cases, where a combined nose and throat swab is not possible, a nose swab from both nostrils can be taken. Similarly, if reason a nasal swab is not feasible, a throat swab alone will suffice.

How do I swab my child?

If you are assisting with swabbing as your child needs support, for example due to their special education needs or disability, you can find guidance on doing this here -

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/934735/coronavirus_test_guide_how_to_test_on_a_child.pdf

How will personal information and test results be shared?

To report your result, you will need to share some information about yourself, so that your test result can be traced.

You need to tell the Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC):



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- your name
- your test result
- the LOT number (reference number on the test Kit)

You will also need to tell your school or college your test result.

Under UK law, your school or college collect and store test result data because it is in the 'public interest'.

Schools and colleges will only share information with the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) if the test kits used are found to be faulty. If this happens, DHSC will use our information to contact people who used the faulty tests, so that they can be tested again.

When you report test results online, you are sharing information with DHSC. They will share it with your GP, local government, NHS, and Public Health England. This is so that they can offer you health services and guidance if you need to self-isolate. They might also use your data anonymously (without your name or contact information) to research COVID-19, and improve our understanding of the virus.

For more information on how personal data is used for testing please see the detailed privacy notice enclosed.



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