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Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

We have been delighted with the very positive start to the school term and in particular, the maturity with which all students have approached the lateral flow testing programme and Covid measures we have taken in school. Our lateral flow testing programme ends next week, we will then move to home testing. Further information can be found below.

How many tests will students have?

Students who have consented will have three tests in school; they have already had one test. Further tests for different year groups are planned to take place during the school day to the timetable below:

Thursday 11 th March	Years 8 & 11
Friday 12 th March	Years 7 & 10
Monday 15 th March	Years 9 & 12
Tuesday 16 th March	Years 8 & 11
Wednesday 17 th March	Years 7 & 10
Thursday 18 th March	Years 9 & 12

Where do students get tested after their last test?

We will issue a home test kit to **all** students at the end of the school day on **Friday 19th March** and you should expect them to bring them home for you to store. Students should use this test at home, twice weekly. We suggest Sunday evening and Wednesday evening for this, although families may decide on alternative days. Instructions are provided within the kits. Students have tested using similar kits in school but will need your support in testing themselves.

What should students who have missed on-site testing due to isolation or illness do?

When their isolation period or illness ends they should return to school and begin testing using the home testing kits which they can collect from Student Reception, if after Friday 18th March.

What should students who test positive with a home kit do?

If a student tests positive with a home kit they should stay at home and contact the school as soon as possible on either admin@wren.excalibur.org.uk or 0118 2143888. Please then ensure that they isolate and book a Covid test, at a testing station, to confirm the results.

Do we report all results to school?

Only positive results need to be reported to school. All results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace as stated in the instructions found in the home kit.

Will school provide tests for families?

As a member of a household, or childcare, or support bubble of a school aged child, you can claim a free twice-weekly test kit. These are **not** issued from schools. You can claim these:

- through your employer if they offer testing to employees;
- at a local test site;
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site;
- by ordering a home test kit online.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended, further information is available at <https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

If a child has symptoms but has tested negative using a home test kit, should they come to school?

No. Anyone experiencing a new continuous cough, a temperature or a change to taste or smell should stay at home and book a test at a testing centre.

Thank you for your supporting in the wider opening of our school this term. Please do contact us with any questions you may have.

Kind regards,



Ms S Mollen
Vice Principal