

Dear Parent / Carer

The Government has recently announced that secondary aged students will be offered regular asymptomatic COVID-19 testing to take at home. Secondary aged students who have completed 3 tests on site will be offered tests to take at home twice a week, so that we can reduce the spread of the virus.

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. We can do this by carrying out tests at home twice every week.

Testing students at home

Tests kits will be given to students once they have had 3 tests done at the academy and are free of charge. Students will receive a pack of 3 tests in a box with a leaflet on how to take the test and report the results. Do not use the leaflet in the box. An updated leaflet will be provided with the testing kit.

The result of each test needs to be reported using the NHS Test & Trace self-report website:

<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>. You will also need report the result of each test to the academy by emailing: Year8Covidresults@winifredholtbyacademy.com. **Please record the result of the test in the subject line and the students name, tutor and date of birth in the email.**

Tests need to be done on a **Monday** and **Thursday** each week. If a student has a positive test result, they will need to stay at home and self-isolate. A confirmatory PCR test should then be arranged. If the result of the lateral flow test is unclear (void) they will need to do another one. Students have the option to take the test the evening before school, but no earlier. **All test results should always be reported.**

Regardless of the results of the lateral flow test, if you or your child are showing symptoms of COVID-19 you should self-isolate until you are tested with, and have the results of a PCR test.

Taking part

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

I am strongly encouraging all students to take part in the national testing programme. Please contact Mrs Farmer, our COVID Coordinator, if you have any questions or concerns about home testing.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully



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