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Dear Parent/Carer

**COVID-19 Self-Test: Rapid Antigen Test Kit**

I wanted to give you information on Home Test Kits and share with you the process. All pupils who consented to have a rapid lateral flow test in school have now been successfully tested THREE times in school and during next week will be issued with 3 boxes of HOME TEST KITS.

**HOME TEST KITS**

- There are 3 lateral flow devices [LFD] in each box. Pupils will be issued with 3 boxes, so they have enough LFD's to test twice per week for the next 3 weeks [seeing them over Easter]. They will then be issued with further boxes week beginning Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April when they return to school.
- Pupil MUST test twice per week [report the results online to **NHS Test & Trace** and also by text message to **07507332277** school – please see further details below]
- HOME KITS are to be used only by the person to whom they are assigned, they are NOT for use by family members.
- Kits should be stored at room temperature (15-30 degrees centigrade)

There is a video on website showing pupils what to expect and what pupils will see when they first open the HOME test kit box <https://www.stdamians.co.uk/covid-19-rapid-testing>

**PUPILS TESTING AT HOME**

- Pupils [and parent/carer] must ensure you have duly read the instruction for use <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/instructions-for-covid-19-%20self-test> [YOU MUST READ the separate booklet handed out and NOT the booklet in the boxes]
- MUST watch the Gov.net video for how to perform home self-testing <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9XR8RZxKNo&list=PLvaBZskxS7tzQYIVg7lwH5uxAD9UrSzGJ>
- 12-17 yr olds - pupils can self-test at home and report results to NHS Test & Trace and school under supervision of an adult.
- Under 12yr old – pupils should be tested by an adult who should also report their results to NHS Test & Trace and school.
- Leave at least 30 minutes after eating/drinking before taking the test.

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**ALL self/home test results MUST be reported [negative or positive or void]. There are two steps:**

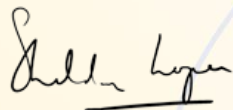
1. Report to NHS Test & Trace online [www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result](http://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result)
2. Report to school - TEXT **07507332277** the one-word result [negative or positive or void] so school can record the result[s] and any determine any relevant actions to be taken. You must use the mobile number you have registered at school for your child.

**Please remember you** are responsible for reporting incidents relating to the testing as follows;

- Report any clinical issue (e.g. bleeding, allergic reaction) <https://coronavirusyellowcard.mhra.gov.uk>
- Report any non-clinical issue via 119 (e.g. items missing from their kit)
- Inform school of any ongoing test related problems.

Finally, should you have any questions please telephone school.

Your sincerely



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