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Dear parent or carer

Home Testing of Students

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, 3-4 days apart.

[The Government has recently announced that](#) all secondary and college aged students will be offered tests to make the return to school safer for everyone.

We will be issuing home testing kits to Y7 to Y13 students next week, once their final test in school has been completed.

We would like them to take their tests on **Sundays** and on the evening of **Wednesdays**.

Students will receive two packs of 3 tests in a box with a leaflet on how to take the test and report the results. Your child should also continue testing twice a week, at home, throughout the Easter school holidays. We will be sending home extra kits for Easter holiday before term ends.

[Help and support is available](#), including instructions in different languages on how to test and report the results and a video showing you how to take the test.

There is no need to keep used test equipment after the test result has been reported. You can put it in your normal bin.

This does not replace symptomatic testing. If you or anyone in your household gets symptoms of the virus you should follow national guidelines on self-isolation and testing.

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. You will also need [arrange for a confirmatory PCR test](#).

You need to report your result (whether positive, negative or void) to both the NHS Test and Trace website and also to school. Links to both are below:

[NHS Test and Trace](#)

[Student Results to School](#)

If the result of the test is **unclear (void)** you should do another test.

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 and observing social distancing.

Testing is voluntary and all students will be able to attend school whether they take part in testing or not. However, I am strongly encouraging all students to participate. Testing at home will allow your child and other students and staff to attend school as safely as possible.

Attached are some FAQs, but please contact the Mass Testing Team Leader, Carole Hutchinson, by emailing enquiries@jcsc.co.uk if you have any questions or concerns about home testing.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

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