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Dear Parents/Carer,

Invitation to include Year 5 & 6 students in Covid-19 home testing

There are a small number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the student population of our school. Some of these cases are within the year groups 5 and 6 who are not currently being offered twice weekly at home test kits by the school, in line with government guidelines.

Most of these cases have been identified as a result of parents choosing to test their children at home who were otherwise asymptomatic. This highlights that the Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests are working well and helping to reduce the spread of Covid-19.

As an additional measure to help us reduce any potential transmission in school, we would like to invite and encourage parents and carers of year 5 and 6 students to test their children at home using LFD test kits, twice per week.

If you would like to commence testing your child twice a week and need test kits, please email enquiries@jcsc.co.uk and we will send them home with your child.

Please note, this does not replace symptomatic testing. If you or anyone in your household get symptoms of the virus you should follow national guidelines on self-isolation and testing. The most up to date information on self- isolation and testing can be found on the [Government Website](#).

If your child tests positive on an LFT or PCR test, please inform school using the form below: [Report positive Covid-19 test result to school 2021-22](#)

You should also report the result (whether positive or negative) to [NHS Test and Trace](#).

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.

If you have any questions or concerns about home testing, please contact the Mass Testing Team Leader, Louisa Hedley by emailing enquiries@jcsc.co.uk.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully



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Executive Headteacher