

17 September 2021

Home Testing of Students

Dear Parent or Carer,

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 asymptomatic individuals.

We can only do this by carrying out tests at home twice every week, 3-4 days apart.

We have recently completed the required offering of 2 tests within the first week of school for years 7-13, Our Students completed this efficiently and with great humour. Now that our on-site testing has completed, it is important that we maintain the integrity of our COVID response and encourage our Students to take 2 COVID tests each week, on Wednesday evenings and on Sundays.

Students will receive two packs of 7 tests in a box with instructions describing how to take the test and report the result, this should be done until the end of September, we will update you if this changes.

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.

As always, the most up to date information on self- isolation and testing can be found on the [Government Website](#)

You need to report your result (whether positive, negative) 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 2021-22](#)

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.

Please contact the Mass Testing Team Leader, Louisa Hedley, 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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