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12th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'd like to start by thanking you for your ongoing support with Asymptomatic Lateral Flow Testing, and indeed thanking pupils for the maturity and calmness with which they have engaged in this process.

May I remind you that asymptomatic testing does not replace current guidance for those with symptoms or those identified as a close contact of a positive case. Anyone with symptoms, whether they are involved in this programme or not, should book a free NHS test and follow government self-isolation guidance until the results of their test are known. Pupils must not come to school if they display any symptoms.

Following the completion of a third on-site test, pupils will now move to 'Home testing'. Test kits and instructions will be issued to pupils at school. Pupils will sign for their kits. Each pupil kit contains 7 tests, and this is sufficient to conduct twice weekly testing from home until the end of term. As with on-site testing, this is encouraged but is not compulsory. The Trust privacy notice related to home testing can be found [here](#).

Please note that the instructions inside the test kits have been updated by the NHS, and you must use the separate instructions issued to pupils. Please dispose of the instructions inside the test kit.

When conducting home testing, we ask pupils to complete a test every Sunday & Wednesday evening. This will avoid a rush in the mornings, and will also support the school in addressing any positive results in a timely fashion.

Prior to administering the test at home, I would strongly recommend you watch the following NHS video. It provides very clear instructions on the process, and I am sure will relieve any concerns you may have:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9XR8RZxKNo>

The Process

An overview of the entire process is as follows:

- Read the privacy notice sent with this email.
- Follow the instructions provided and complete the test (Sunday/Wednesday evenings)
- 30 minutes later: check results. *Please note, results are invalid after more than 30 minutes.*

IF POSITIVE:

- Self-isolate immediately, including entire household.
- Book confirmatory PCR test <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> You must inform the school of the result of this PCR test
- **Report result to NHS test and trace** <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>
- **Report result to Trinity School** via email pastoral@trinity.bexley.sch.uk
Include: Pupil Name / Year Group / Date of Test

IF VOID:

- **Report result to NHS test and trace** <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>
- **Report result to Trinity School** via <https://forms.gle/yMJxPnXVZPqEG9m38>
- Complete another test
- *If you receive TWO void results in a row, you must book a PCR test*



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IF NEGATIVE:

- Report result to NHS test and trace <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>
- Report result to Trinity School via <https://forms.gle/yMJxPnXVZPqEG9m38>
- Attend school the following day as normal

What if my child has already had COVID-19?

If your child has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days they are NOT required to have a lateral flow test. However, if you would like them to participate in lateral flow testing, they can do so. Pupils will be required to self-isolate if the test returns a positive result.

Can parents/carers use these tests?

The kits issued at school are for pupils only. As part of the wider asymptomatic testing programme, all households with school aged children are encouraged to participate in asymptomatic testing. As with student testing, this is encouraged but not mandatory. A PCR test will be required for positive lateral flow tests which are taken at home, either through at home PCR testing or at a local PCR testing site.

You can collect home testing kits for yourself / members of your household from the four sites below from 1.30pm–8pm:

- 221 Erith Road, Bexleyheath DA7 6HZ
- Felixstowe Road car park, Abbey Wood SE2 9RZ
- The Vine Christian Community Church, Axminster Crescent, Welling DA16 1HF
- Westwood Car Park, Welling DA16 3QS

For further information, please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/all-households-with-children-of-school-aged-to-get-rapid-covid-19-tests-per-person-per-week>

If you require any assistance with home testing, or if you have an issues with testing or the test kits, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

To further support you, we have also updated our COVID-19 FAQ document. This can be found [here](#) on the school website.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Simon Godden
Principal