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Monday, March 22, 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Now that students have completed their lateral flow testing in school, all Year Groups have now been issued with 2x home test kits, each containing 3 tests (6 tests in total), so they can test themselves at home twice a week. There are enough tests to continue testing until the end of term and to test on the Sunday evening (11th April) prior to the start of the Summer term on Monday 12th April, so your child can return to school following a negative result.

Testing

- Testing at home does not require further written consent – **by completing the test, you are giving your consent.**
- Please read the online [privacy notice](#) explaining how, where and for how long your data is kept by NHS Test and Trace service.
- If your child has tested positive for Covid-19 in the previous 90-days, they are not required to undertake a lateral flow test (LFT). If you choose to use the tests and it tests positive, they will have to follow the Government's [self-isolation](#) guidelines.
- If the result is void, please **repeat** the test with another test from the home test box.

How to test

- Details on how to administer the tests can be found via the instruction leaflet accompanying the home test kit or via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-self-test-help>. If you prefer a more visual guide there is video guidance [here](#).

Recording and reporting the result

- Parents and carers are required to register the result on <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> or by telephone: **Dial 119**, within **24 hours of taking the test**. You will need the QR code on the lateral flow device or the ID number directly under it.

If your child tests positive

- Please report a positive test result to the school by telephone **Tel: 01245 264 451 ASAP** or via admin@boswells-school.com as this will enable us to trace any in school close contacts.
- All positive results from rapid lateral flow tests undertaken at home **do** need to be confirmed with a standard PCR test. This is because these tests are not conducted in a controlled environment and will not have trained staff on hand. Following a positive LFD test at home, a confirmatory PCR test should be [booked online](#) or by calling **119**. Whilst awaiting the PCR result, the student and their close contacts should self-isolate. If the PCR test is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test (**at home only**) and a child can return to school.

- Please adhere to the [self-isolation](#) rules to ensure no further transmission of the virus.

Distribution of kits

- We will distribute further home test kits as they arrive in school. Please ensure your child tests on the Sunday evening prior to the start of the Summer term on Monday 12th April, so your child can return to school following a negative result.

Should your child display any symptoms, it is imperative you **do not** send them to school and you secure a test immediately. Should that test be positive at any time over the Easter break please email the school directly via admin@boswells-school.com . We will then establish close contacts of the student within the specified timeframe and we will inform students and staff if they need to self-isolate.

Yours sincerely,



Steve Mansell
Headteacher



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Department for Education (DfE) Guidance Confirmatory PCR testing following a test at home

Around 1 in 3 people who have coronavirus (COVID-19) have no symptoms. By rolling out rapid testing to schools and universities at pace we are helping to uncover hidden cases of the virus, break the chains of transmission and stopping outbreaks before they get a chance to develop.

Students in secondary schools and colleges are currently testing on site – 3 tests, each 3 to 5 days apart – using Lateral Flow Devices (LFDs) as part of the rapid asymptomatic testing programme. Robust evaluations from PHE and the University of Oxford show that LFD tests are accurate, reliable and successfully identify those with coronavirus (COVID-19) who could pass on the virus without realising. The tests have extremely low rates of false positives. LFD tests taken on test sites, such as on school and college grounds, do not need a confirmatory PCR test. This is because these tests are done in a controlled environment and trained staff read the results.



If a pupil or student received a supervised school-based LFD test, as part of the rapid asymptomatic testing programme, and it was positive then they and other members of their household must self-isolate. PCR testing is not advised if you have received a positive result from an LFD test at a school or college test site. If a parent was to do this and it returned a negative result, the policy remains that the pupil or student, their close contacts, and other members of their household must still self-isolate.

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