

2 November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to offer your child the opportunity to take part in the Lateral Flow Device Testing scheme and, as a result, provide them with Lateral Flow Device Testing kits to support the process.

Research conducted shows that up to 1 in 3 people who have COVID-19 have no symptoms and therefore, there is a risk that asymptomatic individuals could potentially spread the virus without knowing. We have been advised that supporting students to get into a regular habit of testing twice a week will help stop the virus spreading, keeping your family and friends safer.

For those families that wish to take part in Lateral Flow Device Testing you must complete the Google Form available on our COVID Portal <https://covid.tgat.org.uk> and clicking the "JSA - LFT Registration" button. We ask that this form be completed by Wednesday 10 November. Once you have completed this form, we will begin sending home COVID-19 testing kits with your child. Students will receive their Lateral Flow Device Testing kits from their Form Tutor.

In order to further support students, we will place a sticker on the front of the test kit detailing the days on which your child should conduct the tests. Once the home testing process commences, we would like students to test themselves twice a week, 3-5 days apart.

In order to support your child in undertaking these tests there is a "Guidance Presentation" button on the website mentioned above which contains a very useful NHS video which details the home testing process:

Once your child has taken their Lateral Flow Device test and has their result, we ask that you please record the result of your Lateral Flow Device test with TGAT and the NHS. To do this we have links to both websites on the <https://covid.tgat.org.uk> page.

Finally, I would like to reinforce that the home testing Lateral Flow Test process does not replace testing for individuals with symptoms. If your child does experience any COVID-19 symptoms, you must book a PCR test for them and follow national guidelines. This is to help prevent any further spread of COVID-19 within our school community but also to our wider community.

As ever, if you require any additional information, or have any questions regarding the content of this letter, please make contact with us via the academy email address:

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Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully



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