

18 March 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

RE: COVID-19 Home Testing

As you will be aware from my previous communications to you, students who have consented to participate in the Lateral Flow COVID-19 testing process will shortly be moving to twice weekly, rapid COVID-19 testing at home. This is following their first three supervised tests on site at the academy.

Where consent has been provided, on Friday afternoon we will begin sending home COVID-19 testing kits with your child. Students will be issued with two testing packs. These two packs should last students 2 weeks with a spare test each week in-case of any void tests, or problems experienced during the testing process.

Please find below a summary of the testing schedule that we are asking students in all year groups adhere to.

First Home Test	Second Home Test	Third Home Test	Fourth Home Test
Monday, 22 March 2021	Thursday, 25 March 2021	Monday, 29 March 2021	Thursday, 1 April 2021

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, **it is important that your child tests themselves twice a week on a Monday and a Thursday.**

Your child should also **continue testing twice a week, at home, throughout the Easter school holidays**. We will be sending home extra testing kits to cover the Easter holiday before the end of term.

We will also include on the test pack sticker, guidance on how to report the results of each test to the NHS and the academy. Please be reassured that this process is very straight forward, the results can be recorded by following this link: <https://covid.tgat.org.uk>.

On Friday we will be explaining the home testing process with students during an additional form period at the end of the day, however, in order to support your child further, please follow the link below: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9XR8RZxKNo&list=PLvaBZskxS7tzQYIVg7lwH5uxAD9UrSzGJ&index=1>

When conducting tests at home it is important to note that if your child does test positive on the lateral flow device, the whole family will need to isolate and book a PCR test to confirm the result. Only if that test is negative can they end their isolation period and return to school / work. If this is the case, please contact the academy as soon as possible; we will then offer further support and ensure that your child has access to their remote learning resources.

Finally, I would like to reinforce that the home testing Lateral Flow Test process does not replace testing for individuals with symptoms. If you, or your child experience any COVID-19 symptoms, all household members must self-isolate and the individual with symptoms must book a PCR test 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 do not hesitate to make contact with us via the academy email address: info@farnley.leeds.sch.uk.

Thank you for your ongoing support during these challenging times.

Yours faithfully



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Principal