

Dear Parents & Carers,

Many thanks to all those taking part and supporting the Notre Dame High School Lateral Flow Testing Program.

As we move towards the completion of on-site testing for pupils/students, we would like to share some further information with regards to movement to home testing.

Testing at home

- All pupils/students in Year 7 to 13 will be issued with initially 2 home test kits by their form tutor, week commencing 15th March.
- Further test kits will be issued in form time as required.
- Tests are free of charge. Pupils/students will receive a pack of 3 tests in a box with a leaflet (**the leaflet replaces the instructions in the box**) on how to take the test and, importantly, how to report the results.
- Please do make sure you have enough time to do the test before going to School. Preferably, this would be in the evening before going into school (Sunday/Wednesday). Please do also allow time to report test results.

Taking the test

- We will provide pupils/students with a leaflet with instructions on how to do the test with the kit (a copy for information). There is also a useful video to show you how to take the test [here](#). [Help and support is available](#), including instructions in different languages.
- There is no need to keep used test equipment after the test result has been reported. You can put it in your normal bin (household waste).
- Lateral Flow Testing does not replace symptomatic testing. If you have symptoms, you should self- isolate immediately, book a [PCR test](#) and follow [national guidelines](#).

What should you do after the test?

- If anyone tests **positive you, your household, any support bubbles you are part of** should self-isolate immediately in line with NHS Test and Trace guidance for 10 days.
- You need to report your result to both [NHS Test and Trace](#) and to School via the google form – if your child tests positive it is essential you also report this to school via the covid-case@ndhs.org.uk email.
- You should [order a confirmatory PCR test](#) if you are testing at home (confirmatory PCR tests are not needed if the test was conducted at the Asymptomatic Test Site at School/college).
- If the result of the test is **unclear (void)** you should do another test.

- **Negative and void results** should be reported to both [NHS Test & Trace](#) and to the school via the google form link below and found on school website covid updates.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfkX8KLsbNDpI4_mkMAX5V98H_jhHn1pu-OlsCvM2CTMlj1Q/viewform

- A negative result does not guarantee that you are not carrying the virus. So, you should continue to follow social distancing, and other measures to reduce transmission such as wearing a face mask and regularly washing your hands and observing social distancing.
- If you or anyone in your household gets symptoms of the virus you should follow [national guideline on self-isolation and testing](#)

You need to report each test result

- The result of each test needs to be reported using the NHS Test & Trace self-report website: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>.
- You will also need to tell the school the result of each test via the google form https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfkX8KLsbNDpI4_mkMAX5V98H_jhHn1pu-OlsCvM2CTMlj1Q/viewform

Testing over Easter

- For all those involved in home testing, it is expected that students continue to test regularly over the Easter break. Reporting processes will remain in place.

Why take part?

- Taking part in testing is voluntary and all pupils/students will be able to attend school whether they take part in testing or not.
- We are strongly encouraging all eligible pupils/students to take part. Testing at home will allow your child and other children to attend school as safely as possible.
- Should you have any further questions or concerns regarding home testing please do not hesitate contact.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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