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Dear Parent or Carer,

We have now been testing at home before and through the holidays and should continue to do this twice a week.

Testing students at home

Home test kits will be issued to students from school. If they are absent and/or require additional outside of the school issue periods, tests should be ordered online at https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests

We would like them to take their tests before school on:

- a) Sunday Evening
- b) Wednesday or Thursday Evening

You will also need to tell us the result of each test by forwarding to us the email or test you receive back when you register the test with NHS Test and Trace. Please send to nsg_HTResultStudent@yhclt.net

Tests are free of charge. Students will receive a pack of 3 or 7 tests - this is dependent on what is delivered to us by the government. Make sure you have enough time to do the test before going to bed as the test takes 30 minutes and then will need to be recorded.

Taking the test

Please watch our video if a reminder of how the test is to be conducted https://youtu.be/740D-gKWUDU

Help and support is available, including instructions in different languages on how to test and report the results and a video from the government showing you how to take the test. 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).

This does not replace symptomatic testing. If you have symptoms, you should self-isolate immediately, book a PCR test and follow national guidelines.

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 to nsg_HTResultStudent@yhclt.net











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, whether positive, negative or void, to both <u>NHS Test and Trace</u> and to us.

You should <u>order a confirmatory PCR test</u> if you have tested positive. The confirmatory PCR test should be taken within two days of the positive LFD test.

If the result of the test is unclear (void) you should do another test.

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 regularly washing your hands and observing social distancing.

If you or anyone in your household gets symptoms of the virus you should follow national guidelines on self-isolation and testing.

Why take part

Taking part in testing is voluntary and all students will be able to attend whether they take part in testing or not. Over 98% of all students in school currently take part in testing.

Please contact us if you have any problems or are finding it too difficult to test everyone in your household.

Thank you for your support.

Vicky Callaghan Headteacher

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