



'An Academy to be Proud of'

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Dear parent(s)/carer(s),

Up to one in three people who have COVID-19 can spread the virus without knowing. This is because they have no symptoms. To reduce the spread of the virus, we need to identify those individuals. We can do this in schools by carrying out tests at home twice every week, 3-4 days apart.

### Taking test kits home

Pupils will be able to collect their home test kits from their form tutor on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March in a tutor period at the end of the day.

We would like our pupils to take a test before school on a **Monday and Thursday**. The test may be taken the night before. Please remember you must wait 30 minutes before recording the result. Pupils will be given two boxes, each has 3 tests in a box with a separate leaflet on how to take the test and report the results.

### Taking the test- instructions for our pupils:

You should take the test two times every week (Monday and Thursday).

Make sure you have enough time to do the test before going to school. Preferably this would be in the morning before going into school. However, we understand that for some people this may be challenging. Therefore, tests can be taken the evening before school if needed. You need to report test results. [Help and support is available](#), including instructions in different languages on how to test and report the results and a video showing you how [to take the test](#).

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

### Can I take the test myself?

Students aged 12-17 should do the test themselves with adult supervision. The adult may help the student to take the test if they need support.

Students aged 11 must be tested by an adult and the adult must report the result.





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## 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 please do this by completing the following [Google Form each time you complete a test](#)

## Why take part

Taking part in testing is voluntary and you will be able to attend school whether you take part in testing or not. I am strongly encouraging all students to take part. Testing yourself at home will allow us to reduce the spread of the virus. **Please contact Mrs Sherwood, our COVID Coordinator, if you have any questions or concerns about home testing through our designated email address: [masstesting@armfield.fcat.org.uk](mailto:masstesting@armfield.fcat.org.uk)**

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Kilmurray  
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