



Executive Headteacher: Mrs L. A. Gwinnett

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Dear Parents,

Parent Update Letter – Home Testing

You will be aware that all students who consented have now completed their three COVID Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests in school. In line with Government guidelines, all our students will now be asked to test for coronavirus at home using testing kits provided by the school. The guidelines recommend that your son/daughter carries out twice weekly testing at home (3 to 4 days apart) before coming into school in the morning.

To support these timings, we are asking all students to test themselves at home every week on **Wednesday evening**, in preparation for attending school on Thursday and **Sunday evening** in preparation for attending school on Monday. All parents will receive a text on Sunday and Wednesday afternoon as a gentle reminder to ensure the tests are taken by students in good time. For this week only, the tests will be closer together than outlined above because of the in-school test schedule – please continue with the days as outlined above for this week. Please also bear in mind the requirement that is to **wait 30 minutes** for the test result, so it is suggested you make an allowance of 40 minutes to complete the test in full.

Students will receive two test kits and each contains three tests. Please note, these tests are only for the use of the student, they should not be taken by anyone else. Students will receive their first two testing kits in school and will bring them home today, **Tuesday 16th March**.

Our asymptomatic testing programme does not replace current guidance for those with symptoms or those identified as a close contact of a positive case. Anyone with symptoms within the household whether they are involved in this programme or not, should book a free NHS PCR test and follow government self-isolation guidance until the results of their PCR test are known. Testing also does not replace basic preventative measures such as regular handwashing and social distancing.

You may find this NHS YouTube clip useful to support your child when taking their test: [How to do a COVID-19 Self-Test](#)

Guidance on Results

Once your son/daughter has collected their test kit, ensure the instructions that come with the kit are closely followed. After 30 minutes, check the result. Please note that after 30 -minutes, the results are invalid.

In the event of a **positive** LFD result, your son/daughter should self-isolate immediately and let the school know immediately using enquiries@burscoughprioryacademy.org





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You should then book a confirmatory PCR test and we would advise visiting a community or drive through test site as this is the quickest way to get tested. It is important that your son/daughter, along with the family (or bubble) self-isolates until the result of the PCR test is confirmed.

In the event of a **negative** LFD result, there is no need for your son/daughter to self-isolate. They can attend school as normal.

In the event of a **void** result, your son/daughter will be required to take another LFD test. If they receive two void results in a row, you should book a PCR test for them and they should self-isolate accordingly until the result of the PCR test has been confirmed.

Guidance on Reporting Results

There is a requirement that all results, whether negative, positive or void are reported to NHS Test and Trace. **Please use the link here to report their results to the NHS:** <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

We also require parents to share results, either void, positive or negative, with school to help with contact tracing. **Please report their result to school before 8.00am on Monday or Thursday morning, the day after the test was completed. Here is the school reporting link:** [Student Result Reporting Form - BPA](#)

If positive, as already mentioned, please let school know immediately using enquiries@burscoughprioryacademy.org sending in the track and trace message confirming the positive test result.

If you did not previously give consent for your son/daughter to be tested in school, but would like to supervise testing them at home, please complete the school's consent form and your child will be provided with the testing kits. You can use the consent form found here: [Student Consent Form - BPA](#)
Please do not complete the consent form if you have already done so.

In the event of a **positive case**, the school will conduct robust track and trace procedures to identify any close contacts. Parents of close contact students will be contacted and asked to collect their son/daughter and isolate for 10 days accordingly.

If you have any further questions regarding the content of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you in advance for your support in helping to keep everyone in school as safe as we can.

Yours faithfully,

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