

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our students are continuing to make us proud with the way they have returned to school. We wanted to send a letter a little earlier this week to highlight some key information regarding the lateral flow testing.

Towards the end of this week and the start of next, students with consent will have completed three lateral flow tests in our test centre. So now they will be expected to self-test at home. In advance of this, once they have completed their third test in school we will provide students with a self-testing kit. This will include guidance as to how to complete the testing. To support this, tutors will go through the self-testing process with students and we have posted information to the Year Group pages on MS Teams.

A further video **with clear narration** can be found here: [a step-by-step guide](#)

Below is the day and date that each Year group will receive their self-testing kits:

Year 7 – Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> March

Year 8 – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Year 9 - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March

Year 10 – Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Year 11 – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

#### Key information regarding self-testing:

- We suggest that students routinely take the self-test twice a week, on a Sunday evening before returning to school on Monday and again on a Wednesday evening. This will ensure a higher level of safety for everybody.
- NHS guidance states that students aged 11 should have the test administered by an adult. Students aged 12-16 can self-swab but should be supervised.
- When you have the result from the test please upload the result in 2 places:
  - 1) using this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/5hpm3R0zCA> which will inform school directly of your child's result.
  - 2) using this link: [www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result](http://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result) to report it to NHS Track and Trace.

Please note that if your child tests positive on a home test – **they need to go for a PCR test**. This can be booked using this link: [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test)

They will need to self-isolate until the PCR tests comes back – if positive, they will need to continue to self-isolate for 10 days. If the PCR test comes back negative, they can return to school.

Home tests **do not** replace current guidance for those with symptoms or those identified as close contacts; anyone with symptoms should book a free NHS test (a PCR test – see link above) and follow self-isolation guidance.

For more information on how personal data is used for testing please see the detailed privacy notice.

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation

Kind regards,

Chorlton High School