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Dear Parent/Carer

Guidance has been issued that home testing for students (and staff) will continue through the Easter holidays, with a specific request that a home test is completed on Sunday 11 April by all students that are testing prior to their return into school.

For those of you who have consented for your student to undertake COVID testing in school, we have been issuing a further two packs containing 3 home test kits each (another 6 tests) this week so that this can happen. We have not issued another instruction booklet but please double check that you continue to use version 1.3.2 dated 15 Jan 21 on the back. There may be an older version of instructions inside the pack that is now out of date so please throw this away immediately otherwise the test reporting procedure will go



wrong.

1. An instructional video is provided on YouTube for those taking these tests. Please watch this at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9XR8RZxKNo&list=PLvaBZskxS7tzQYIVq7lwH5uxAD9UrSzGJ>
2. You should continue testing twice a week, ideally on the weekend and midweek. These tests must be used by your child and not anybody else.
3. If participating, you have a statutory (legal) duty to register and report **all** test results into the NHS Test & Trace System within 24 hours by following the instruction booklet and going to [www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result](http://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result).
4. You must also report **all** test results to school by going to the Google Form and completing the details at <https://forms.gle/nfxt6ekHAMmUQPkj6>. We have to keep a copy of all results to be able to report to the Local Authority and ensure we can start local contact tracing in school in the event of a positive test result.

If you have not yet consented but would like a home test kit issued to your child to start after Easter, please use the following link to consent and then contact the office to arrange collection of the kit when they return to school: <https://forms.gle/ktntZ88UiCYGvTNM6>

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Please remember that this testing should only be used if your child is asymptomatic (without symptoms) so if they, or anyone in the household, does feel poorly with COVID-19 symptoms they must begin isolating and book a PCR test at a test site and follow instructions. Your child should not conduct any home testing within 90 days of having a positive test for COVID-19.

I hope that all of this is clear but if not, please contact the office at [contact@josephrowntree.york.sch.uk](mailto:contact@josephrowntree.york.sch.uk) or 01904 552100

Yours sincerely

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