



LITTLE ILFORD SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Little Ilford School Covid-19 Home Testing Kits

We are writing to inform you about the Covid-19 home testing kits we will be distributing to all students soon. Home testing is voluntary and conducting home tests is not a condition of attending school. We hope that most families will take advantage of this opportunity to keep students, staff and our community safe.

If your child is absent on the day of distribution, they should go to the **Deputy Pastoral Leader** to collect their testing kit.

Who is being tested and why?

Testing is important because you could be carrying the virus and spread it to others. Testing all staff and students of secondary age and above without symptoms will support the education sector and our school to continue to operate as efficiently and safely as possible.

It is a simple and quick test using the Lateral Flow Device (LFD) to enable the rapid testing without the need for a laboratory. Education settings will be provided with these test kits to distribute to our staff and students so you can conduct these tests at home.

Testing will help to break the chains of transmission, so thank you in advance for playing your part.

Your Home Testing responsibilities

1. Your child will bring home test kits and guidance. Students will be supplied with 2 test kits, each containing 3 individual tests, which will last for 3 weeks.
2. Your child will be required to carry out twice weekly testing (3-4 days apart) preferably before coming into school in the morning or the night before. Please read the guidance carefully before conducting the test.
3. Report **every test result** to the school using the online form which will be sent to you via the School App. If you do not have the school app, please download it at this link: [My Ed School App](#)
4. If you are POSITIVE, you also need to contact the school with your child's name, tutor group and details of test and symptoms. We will contact you to advise of next steps which includes Steps 5 & 6 below and our school track and trace process.
5. Report **every test result** using this [NHS Test and Trace link](#) as soon as the test is complete, as set out in the home test kit instructions.
6. IF NEGATIVE, your child can return to school.

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7. IF POSITIVE, book a confirmatory PCR test ASAP using this link [Book an NHS PCR Test](#) If the PCR test result is positive, your child and household will need to self-isolate for ten days.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school email address.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

Nazmul Islam
School Business Manager

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