



17 March 2021

For parents of students in Year 9

Dear Parents

Home Testing

I hope that you and your families are well. It was a pleasure to welcome students back to school last week and resume face-to-face lessons after so long. Thank you for your support as we have worked through this phased return and on-site testing.

The government has decided that testing for secondary school students should continue for the time being and that this should move to **home testing** from this week.

Students in Year 9 will come home from school tomorrow **Thursday 18th March** with their first pack of self-test kits. They will be given instructions in school on how testing should be carried out at home. We will issue further packs of home tests to students over the coming weeks so that home testing can continue to be carried out through the Easter holidays.

This letter provides all the information you need to support your son/daughter with carrying out testing at home. You will find attached:

- Frequently Asked Questions – this provides answers to a range of questions related to home testing
- An information leaflet to support you and explain how to share your child's test results

I appreciate that there is a lot of information attached to this letter. If you have any questions or concerns at all, please contact Mr Lodge by email in the first instance on gld@birkenheadparkschool.com or contact school on 0151 652 1574.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we do all that we can to keep our school open safely for staff and students.

With very best wishes.

Mrs Johnson
Headteacher