



**THE WESTLEIGH SCHOOL**  
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Dear Parent/Carer

Up to one in three people who have COVID-19 can spread the virus without knowing. This is because they have no symptoms. To reduce the spread of the virus, we need to identify those individuals. We can do this by continuing to carry out tests at home twice every week, 3-4 days apart.

### Testing students at home

Students will be able to collect their next packs of home test kits from school in form time on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021 to enable testing to continue over half term and as we return to school.

You need to report your result, whether positive, negative or void to both:

[NHS Test and Trace](#)

and your school via the attached Google Forms link:

<https://forms.gle/4yu6Gu8ENQvwq6zm7>

Students will receive a pack of tests in a box with a leaflet on how to take the test and report the results.

Once we return after half term, please make sure you have enough time to do the test before going to school. Preferably this would be in the morning, however we understand that for some people this may be challenging. Therefore, tests can be taken the evening before school if needed.

We ask that our Year 11 students continue to test twice weekly whilst attending school, even if this is not full time.

### A reminder of what should you do after the test:

If anyone tests **positive you, your household, any support bubbles you are part of** should self-isolate immediately in line with NHS Test and Trace guidance for 10 days.

You should [arrange a confirmatory PCR test](#) if you have tested positive. The confirmatory PCR test should be taken within two days of the positive LFD test.

If the result of the test is **unclear (void)** you should do another test.

A negative result does not guarantee that you are not carrying the virus. So, you should continue to follow social distancing, and other measures to reduce transmission such as regularly washing your hands and observing social distancing.

If you or anyone in your household gets symptoms of the virus you should follow national guidelines on self-isolation and testing.

## Why take part

Taking part in testing remains voluntary and all students will be able to attend school whether they take part in testing or not.

I am however strongly encouraging all students to take part. Testing at home will enable your child and other students and staff to attend school as safely as possible.

Please contact Gill Reiersen our COVID Testing Coordinator, if you have any questions or concerns about home testing.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Headteacher