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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you will be aware, many people who have COVID-19 can spread the virus without knowing because they have no symptoms. Therefore, to help reduce the spread of the virus, it is important to try to identify anyone who may be asymptomatic. This is why we have been conducting tests in school over the past 2 weeks however to maintain this level of testing in school is difficult and therefore it is now recommended that you conduct twice-weekly home tests, 3-5 days apart.

Testing students at home

Students who have tested in school will receive test kits to enable them to continue testing at home. We would like them to take their tests on a Sunday and Wednesday evening.

You will need to inform the school if the result of the test is positive.

Tests are free of charge. Students will receive two boxes of three tests and a leaflet (please disregard the leaflet in the test box and use the leaflet handed out with the boxes of tests) on how to take the test and report the results.

Taking the test

We will give students a leaflet with instructions on how to do the test with the kit.

There is no need to keep used test equipment after the test result has been reported. You can put it in your normal bin (household waste).

This does not replace symptomatic testing. If you have symptoms, you should self-isolate immediately, book a PCR test, follow national guidelines and inform school.

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 need to report your result to both NHS Test and Trace and School

You should order a confirmatory PCR test if you are testing at home (confirmatory PCR tests are not needed if the test was conducted at the Asymptomatic Test Site at school).

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

Negative and void results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

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 wearing a face mask and regularly washing your hands and observing social distancing.

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

You need to report each test result

The result of each test needs to be reported using the NHS Test and Trace self-report

Website: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

You will also need to tell school if the result of the test is positive by sending an email to: dalowsky.a@wintertoncommunityacademy.co.uk

Why take part?

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

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

Please contact Mrs Dalowsky our COVID co-ordinator, if you have any questions or concerns about home testing.

Thank you for your support.
Yours sincerely,



Mrs A Dalowsky
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