



Headteacher: Mrs Lucy Miles

16th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone involved in supporting our very successful in-school testing programme over the past two weeks. We had a 98% uptake of the programme, which was fantastic and students are very confident in how to undertake the testing themselves.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week will be the third and final round of in-school testing during which, students will be given home testing kits.

Testing students at home

If you have consented for your child to take part in the testing programme, during term time we would like students to take 2 tests a week on a Sunday and Wednesday evening. This round of testing kits will provide enough tests to cover the Easter holidays too, therefore tests should be conducted on the following dates:

Sunday 21st March
Wednesday 24th March
Monday 29th March
Saturday 3rd April
Thursday 8th April
Sunday 11th April

Tests are free of charge. Students will receive 2 packs of 3 tests in a box with a leaflet 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 also a useful video to show you how to take the test [here](#).

[Help and support is available](#), including instructions in different languages on how to test and report the results and a video showing you how to take the test.

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 and follow national guidelines.

What should you do after the test?

If anyone tests positive you, your household and any support bubbles you are part of must self-isolate immediately in line with NHS Test and Trace guidance and you need to report your result to both [NHS Test and Trace](#) and school on covidresults@highfield.herts.sch.uk.



You should [order a confirmatory PCR test](#) if you are testing at home. If the result of that PCR test is positive, you must continue to self-isolate for 10 days since the original LFT home test result. If it is negative, you can return to school/work.

If the result of the test is **unclear (void)** you should do another test and report the void to the school on the above email.

All results should be reported to [NHS Test & Trace](#) as per the guidance in the booklet. Only positive and void results need to be communicated to the school.

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 gets symptoms of the virus you should follow [national guidelines on self-isolation and testing](#).

For any questions, please refer to our FAQs on our website at:
<https://www.highfield.herts.sch.uk/lettershome>

For any further queries, please contact Nicky Pedder, our COVID Coordinator on admin@highfield.herts.sch.uk

Thank you for your support.

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