

Our Ref: HeadteacherSA: parental ltrs/SZY/JOD
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Dear Parent/Carer

Re Home testing kits

I would like to start by thanking our students for the sensible and mature approach they have taken whilst completing their COVID-19 tests in school. We are extremely proud of our students, who have grown more confident in self-swabbing and are now proficient in the process. Today your child has been issued with their COVID-19 home testing kit. Whilst completing their third test in school, the testing team have demonstrated the method by which they will process their own test at home. Additionally, you can use this guide to support you in completing the test https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/956190/COVID-19-self-test-instructions-easy-read.pdf.

The tests are very simple and straightforward to use and need to become a part of a student's normal routine. Tests should be taken twice weekly with the results reported to both the government results site and to us in school. Schools are not able to access results from the government system, so it is vital you report the results to us following each test. We request that tests are taken before school on **Monday and Thursday morning**. Please see the table below which indicates how to inform us at school:

Result	Actions
Negative	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Register your result via the link sent by Ruskin. 2. Register your result on the Government website. https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result 3. Attend school as normal.
Void	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Start again and take a 2nd test. 2. If Void for a 2nd time then follow Positive procedure.
Positive	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call the school Covid -19 phone number to report positive result - Mr Postlethwaite 07775862626 or Miss Szymura 07712725096 2. Register your result via the link sent by Ruskin. 3. Register your result on the Government website. https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result 4. Book a Covid-19 PCR test to confirm your positive result. https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/essential-worker 5. All members of your household to isolate until confirmation of the PCR test result.

The test kits issued by school are **only for use by the student themselves**, they should not be used by other members of your household. Households and bubbles, students and staff should also get tested twice weekly. Therefore, as parents, you can collect lateral flow testing kits from either of the council's two local testing sites between 1.30pm and 7pm. These two sites are based at:

- Crewe - Chester Street car park, CW1 2ER
- Macclesfield - Commercial Road, SK10 2QJ

Additional information regarding testing for households is available on our website.

I am aware there is a lot of information within this letter, so if you do have any queries or would like a conversation with a member of the testing team then please contact the school office. Already the LFD testing process has identified asymptomatic cases, enabling us to quickly isolate students who did not know they were infectious.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E Szymura'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

E Szymura (Miss)
Deputy Headteacher