



# MAIDEN ERLEGH

## SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Covid-19 Home Testing**

I am writing to let you know that Covid-19 Home Testing Kits will be available for students to start testing at home following their 3<sup>rd</sup> Covid-19 test at school. We will start distributing these on the day that the student has their 3<sup>rd</sup> test on site, starting with Years 11 & 13 and the Violet College on Friday 12 March 2021. Tests will be handed out in the Sports Hall as the students leave the venue following their last Covid-19 LFT. Please note that due to DfE guidelines, only students who have received consent to take part in the on-site testing will receive a home testing kit. This is because students are expected to have participated in the 3 tests on the school site which have taught them how to home test.

#### Training & information

Please read the below "How to self-test at home" document and watch the following YouTube video before carrying out testing with your child at home:

- [How to self-test at home](#)
- [Step by step guide to COVID-19 self-testing - YouTube](#)

#### Testing Frequency

There are 3 tests in each kit, and each student will be provided with 2 kits which is enough for you to test your child twice a week between now and the end of this term. At the end of each test you dispose of the individual materials in your normal household waste and store the remainder safely at home.

#### Test Reporting

Please note that by collecting and opening the test at home, you are legally committed to reporting your child's results via the NHS Test and Trace reporting system. All test results must also be reported to school as well as via the NHS, whether negative or positive. To do this, we have set up the following google form – please ensure this is done on the day of the test:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSckP7lwmxGlfYZkLN5P2aUHq1wxYRD\\_Td-oqm4\\_5s29qd8QQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSckP7lwmxGlfYZkLN5P2aUHq1wxYRD_Td-oqm4_5s29qd8QQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

A positive confirmatory PCR will be required for all positive cases when a test is taken at home. You will need to book your child a test and follow the advice from PHE for isolation for you and your household, and details of how to do this are in the above guide and the information leaflet we will give to your child. A privacy note can also be found [here](#).

#### Testing issues

If you experience any issues with the testing kits, please contact reception and leave a message with the problem you have faced. Someone will contact you as soon as possible.

I would strongly encourage you to encourage your child to carry out the tests, and to give them assistance where required as this is one of the best ways to help keep our school free of any Covid-19 cases or outbreaks.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Gibson  
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