



## Home testing for Covid-19

### ***Why are students being asked to complete tests at home?***

Almost all students completed lateral flow tests (LFTs) for Covid-19 in school in early March to check for those carrying the virus but with no symptoms. Now students have learned how to take a swab, testing is to be completed at home. This reduces the risk of transmission into school.

### ***Who should take a test?***

All students should take a test if a parent consents to doing so. However, if the student has tested positive for Covid-19 in the last 90 days from a PCR test need **not** be tested, as they may generate a 'false positive' result. They should wait until the 90 days have expired and then begin testing from day 91.

### ***Where do we get test kits from?***

After their second test in school students were issued with home testing kits (so please check their bags if these have not been handed to you!) Each student has **two packs of three tests and an instruction booklet**. Further kits will be issued as they arrive. If you cannot find the tests, or have run out, please contact the year team for a replacement.

### ***When do students need to test?***

Students should be tested **every Sunday and Wednesday** until further notice.

### ***Do I need to supervise my child to take the test?***

Students under the age of 16 require supervision for the test and reporting of the result

### ***Once I have the result, who do I need to tell?***

**All results** (negative and positive) must be reported to the **NHS Test & Trace website**. Full details are given in the instructions so please follow them carefully.

Please only contact Sackville if the test is **positive**. If so, email Mr Bush on [sbush@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:sbush@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

### ***Are testing kits available for the rest of the household?***

Rapid testing is now also available for **parents, their households and support or childcare bubbles**. The government is encouraging all families to participate in twice weekly testing to help stop the spread.

Parents and other adults in the household can access tests by ordering tests online using the link [here](#), or by attending a test site to pick up tests to do at home. To find out more on school household testing visit the link [here](#).