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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: COVID-19 Home Testing

We now know that up to one in three people who have COVID-19 can spread the virus without knowing. This is because they have no symptoms. To reduce the spread of the virus, we need to identify those individuals. We can complete this in schools by carrying out tests at home twice every week, 3-4 days apart.

The Government has recently announced that all secondary and college aged students should continue home testing, after the initial first week of children returning to school in September. If this policy is reviewed, we will of course inform you of any outcomes. The testing information shared in this letter is for asymptomatic cases only. The home test kits should not be used for symptomatic testing. If your child has symptoms, please book a PCR Test and isolate your child until the results are received.

Asymptomatic testing at home

Home test kits will be handed out to all students on Monday 13th September 2021.

Students will receive a box of 7 tests with a leaflet on how to take the test and to report the results.

Make sure you have enough time to do the test before going to school. Preferably this would be in the morning before going into school. We would recommend that students take their tests before school on Monday and Thursday (before breakfast). However, we understand that for some people this may be challenging. Therefore, tests can be taken the Sunday and Wednesday evening if needed. It is recommended that you do not eat or drink for at least 30 minutes before doing the test to reduce the risk of spoiling the test.

Parents are asked to report test results to the school and the NHS (details on next page)

Taking the test

Students should take the test twice a week. We will provide all students 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 a 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).

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What should you do after the test?

Negative, positive and void results should all be reported to both [NHS Test & Trace](#) and the school using the following link – [Report My Result](#). This link is also available on the front of our website.

If anyone tests positive, you should book or [order a confirmatory PCR test](#) and isolate at home until the results of this test are received.

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

If you or anyone in your household gets symptoms of the virus you should follow [national guidelines on self-isolation and testing](#).

Attached is the Privacy Notice for the processing of your personal data in relation to the Covid-19 Home Testing.

Why take part?

Taking part in testing is voluntary and all students will be able to attend Meadowhead School whether they take part in testing or not. The response in school to testing has been overwhelmingly positive and we hope that this will also be the case for home testing.

We are strongly encouraging all students to take part. Testing at home will allow your child and other students to attend Meadowhead School as safely as possible.

Please contact Mr Kevin Elliott, School Business Manager at elliottk@meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk if you have any questions or concerns about home testing.

Thank you for your support.



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