

15 March 2021

Dear Families,

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

As you are aware, we have been undertaking Covid-19 testing in school for all participating students. Following your child's third test, which is taking place either today or tomorrow, they will be given a Self-Test Kit to bring home to continue the testing process.

As per Government guidance, students are being asked to self-test at home twice a week using a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Self-Test Kit. These tests need to be three days apart each week, so we recommend that your son/daughter continues to test on the days they had their tests in school. This means that their first at home test should take place on either **Thursday 18 or Friday 19 March**.

Their kit contains three lateral flow tests, which are similar to the tests they have received in school. The reason that students have received three tests in school has been to allow them to grow familiar with the testing process. Full instructions are included in the pack and the Department of Health and Social Care has developed a series of video instructions, which you and your child may find useful. You can watch them [here](#). We will replenish the kits in the final week of term.

As with in-school testing, anyone who has tested positive for Covid-19 in the last 90 days should not take part in home testing until the end of the 90-day period.

Once they have their test result, students should do the following:

1. Record their result on the NHS Track and Trace system by following the instructions in the pack. If **negative**, no further action is required.
2. In the rare instance that your child receives a **positive** result, please **self isolate** and inform the academy immediately by contacting me at [covid@themisbourne.co.uk](mailto:covid@themisbourne.co.uk)
3. Once you have informed the academy of a **positive** test, please book a PCR test at your nearest testing centre

Please be advised that home testing is to pick up asymptomatic cases only and does not replace current guidance for students with symptoms or those identified as a close contact of a positive case. Anyone with symptoms should book a free NHS test at a test centre and

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follow government self-isolation guidance until the results of their test are known. Testing also does not replace our ongoing preventative measures such as regular handwashing, face masks and social distancing.

Should you have any further questions about home testing, please do contact your child's school base in the first instance.

As always, thank you for your ongoing assistance and support with all you are doing to help us keep our community safe.

Yours faithfully,

**Lisa Kelly**  
Academy Business Manager

