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Dear Parent/Carer,

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 do 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 will be offered tests to make the return to school safer for everyone ([click here](#)). As you know, we have now tested all consenting students three times since 4th March 2021.

### Testing students at home

Students will be given a test kit to take home on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March, this kit contains the correct equipment for 3 tests and instructions for correct use. Please discuss with your child the importance of transporting this kit home safely, the kits come sealed and should arrive home sealed to eliminate the risk cross contamination. If you would prefer to collect your child's test kit between 9am and 3pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March please email [enquiries@kinetonhighschool.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@kinetonhighschool.org.uk)

You will also need to register the result of each test with the school via the following link:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=qtBL2oLbPEC95m4Y7XwBdkFZUT7B0\\_IOIBsO9K4vLqdUQU45WktFQ0RGSjdZTVIQRTdVUIZaMkE0SC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=qtBL2oLbPEC95m4Y7XwBdkFZUT7B0_IOIBsO9K4vLqdUQU45WktFQ0RGSjdZTVIQRTdVUIZaMkE0SC4u)

### Taking the test

Students should take the test, before coming into school twice a week. We will give students a leaflet 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 the test, please [click here](#)

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).

This does not replace symptomatic testing. If you have symptoms, you should self- isolate immediately, book a PCR test and follow national guidelines.

### What should you do after the test?

If anyone tests positive you, your household, any support bubbles you are part of should self-isolate immediately in line with NHS Test and Trace guidance for 10 days.

You need to report your result to both NHS Test and Trace ([click here](#)) and the school via the above link.

You should order a confirmatory PCR test ([click here](#)) if you are testing at home (confirmatory PCR tests are not needed if the test was conducted at the Asymptomatic Test Site at School/college).

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

**Negative and void results** should be reported to both NHS Test & Trace ([click here](#)) and the school via our web link:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=qtBL2oLbPEC95m4Y7XwBdkFZUT7B0\\_I0IBsO9K4vLqdUQU45WktFQ0RGSjdZTVIQRTdVUIZaMkE0SC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=qtBL2oLbPEC95m4Y7XwBdkFZUT7B0_I0IBsO9K4vLqdUQU45WktFQ0RGSjdZTVIQRTdVUIZaMkE0SC4u)

A negative result does not guarantee that you are not carrying the virus so you should continue to follow social distancing and other measures to reduce transmission such as wearing a face mask and regularly washing your hands and observing social distancing. If you or anyone in your household gets symptoms of the virus you should follow national guidelines on self-isolation and testing. ([click here](#)) It is incredibly important that you record all test results via the NHS and the school, this is so we can track and trace close contacts of positive cases swiftly and keep our community as safe as possible.

### **Why take part?**

Taking part in testing is voluntary and all students will be able to attend school whether they take part in testing or not. I am strongly encouraging all students to take part. Testing at home will allow your child and other students to attend school as safely as possible. Please contact Gemma Loveridge, our COVID Coordinator, if you have any questions or concerns about home testing.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely



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