

## Updated Information for Parents on reporting home test results

### Updated 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear parent/carer,

This provides a further update on reporting results from the home test kits. The information that has changed is highlighted below. However, this also provides a good opportunity at the start of term for us to remind you about the key messages in relation to home testing.

Many thanks to you for supporting us with this, and continuing to ensure that your child takes an LFD test twice a week.

#### Key reminders

- The advice from Public Health is that **lateral flow tests should be carried out 3-4 days apart**
- Ideally home tests should be carried out **every Sunday and Thursday evening, or Monday and Friday morning**, as the need to contact trace will be therefore reduced. If your child tested positive on a Sunday/Monday we would not need to contact trace prior to the weekend. Since these tests are for those who **do not have any symptoms** this is not putting others at any increased risk.
- If a student tests positive with a home lateral flow test **they must follow this up with a PCR test to confirm the result** available through Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)) or by calling 119 if you have no internet access. Postal tests can take several days to arrive so preferably do not rely on these.
- Please report absence as you normally would by phoning reception if your child has had a positive result and won't be in school.
- **The home tests should only be carried out if your child has no symptoms of coronavirus.**
- **If your child is experiencing symptoms that could be coronavirus, then a PCR test should be booked in the first instance** because these tests are more reliable.

#### Changes to reporting home test results

- You now only need to fill out the online form to let us know the results of the test **if it was positive. This can be found on the website.**
- You will be sent a survey every 2 weeks which will ask you information about how many tests have been done during this period, and whether any were void or not.