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### Lateral Flow Testing Update – 12 March 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

Thank you for your support with our ongoing, on-site Lateral Flow Testing process, which has run incredibly smoothly over the past few weeks, thanks to excellent planning and great school community collaboration. Our children have been exceptional in how maturely they have embraced this process and we are very proud of them!

We have been overwhelmed by the mature, calm and positive manner in which our students have returned to school. They truly exemplify our spirit of 'Work Hard, Be Kind, Take Pride' and we are so proud of them. I thank you dearly for your support during this lockdown period which has been critical to the strength of a safe reconnection with school for our students.

As we near the end of the second round of testing in school, it is now time to prepare for the home testing phase, the details of which are outlined below:

1. At your child's third test they will be issued with two uniquely numbered home testing kits, containing three tests in each kit. These kit numbers will be recorded by the school for your child, as expected by the Department for Education.
2. Following three tests in school, with supervision and support, the government now requires home tests to be carried out and registered, twice a week, for each student with consent. It is important to note that further written medical consent is not required by school for home testing but instead consent is simply given by the action of completing the test at home.
3. The test kits are identical to those used in school, which your child should now be very familiar with and there are clear instructions provided to show you how to process and dispose of the swab. Whilst there is an instruction manual inside all kit boxes the DfE have since updated their guidance, in particular with regard to actions following an invalid result. Your child will be provided with the updated instruction booklet alongside their test kits and it is this guidance that should be followed, NOT that in the leaflet inside the box.

Students aged 11 should be tested by an adult. Those aged 12 – 17 should self-test, but may be supported by an adult if needed, and report with adult supervision. Students aged 18 and over should self-test and report the result, with assistance if needed.

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It is recommended by the DfE that testing is carried out in the morning, prior to your child attending school on that day.

4. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace at [www.gov.uk/report-covid-result](http://www.gov.uk/report-covid-result) and logged with school at [www.toothillschool.co.uk/home-test-result](http://www.toothillschool.co.uk/home-test-result). Note that following a POSITIVE test result, school should be contacted immediately by calling our reception on 01949 875 550 or out-of-hours via our Covid-19 Reporting email address which is: [reportc19@toothillschool.co.uk](mailto:reportc19@toothillschool.co.uk) to support our contact tracing within school.
5. Students with a positive LFD test result will need to self-isolate in line with 'stay at home' guidance. They will also need to arrange a PCR test to confirm the result of the home test. Those with a negative LFD test result can continue to attend school.
6. In the unlikely event your child receives an 'invalid' result, they should test again straight away. If the second test is also 'invalid', your child should arrange for a PCR test.

The LFD testing process has proven very successful in securing our safe return to school and we are grateful for your continued support as you now take on this responsibility at home.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions about this process and thank you in advance for following the steps outlined above carefully and helping us safely keep schools open going forward.

Yours sincerely

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