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Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

Re: COVID-19 Home -Test Kits

The Lateral Flow testing in college has gone very well. By the end of this week, all students will have taken 3 tests in college, so they are being given their home test kits for them to do under your supervision. We will issue 2 boxes containing 3 test kits in each. The test should continue during the Easter holidays, following the same timetable.

The kits come with a full instruction booklet. There is also a short video showing you the whole testing process available here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9XR8RZxKNo

The tests should be completed twice each week (every 3 or 4 days apart) and we are suggesting students take their test on the following days for Year 11's - Wednesday and Sunday, Year 10's – Thursday and Sunday, Year 9's – Sunday and Wednesday evenings. We strongly encourage your child to take part to help prevent the spread of coronavirus and help protect everyone in college and the local community. Regular testing of people without symptoms (asymptomatic) is important to help stop the virus spreading and to protect our college, our families and the wider community.

Results:
It is important that results are recorded both for the college, and logged into the GOV.UK website. In order to make this as easy as possible we are using a form (Test register) which links directly to our college systems. Full instructions on how to log their results (copied below) using the link provided. The privacy notice https://trhat.co.uk/privacystatement-ds/ and frequently asked questions https://trhat.co.uk/covidfaq-ds/ can be read here.

Although you will need to record your results on both the Test Register form and Gov.uk, please also contact the college by email using Desalisstudiocollege@trhat.org or college phone number if a test result is positive. **If there is a positive home test, the student and any siblings must not come into college** and members of the household should self-isolate until the test has been followed up with a confirmatory PCR test. We can advise you further on this if required.

Any person who has had COVID-19 is not required take a test within 90 days of testing positive.

Although these kits are for the student only, home testing kits are now available for anyone who is over the age of 18 who lives in the same home as a Primary School, Secondary School and/or Post 16/college age student. People who are asymptomatic (do not display symptoms of Covid-19) can find out how to get a rapid lateral flow test by visiting the following government websitelink: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of- school-pupils-and-staff. Here is a link to finding locations in the community where you can pick up testing kits: https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/

Thanking you for your continued support

Heidi Faure
Principal

LATERAL FLOW HOME TESTING KITS
These are your testing kits for use at home. You are asked to self-test twice every week
All results must be logged.

1) To log your results, go to the Google form: https://trhat.co.uk/covidtestresults-ds/

2) Enter your email address and the information required

3) Submit your results as below

4) **Step 1**: Enter the **test date** and the **strip ID** on your
   Lateral Flow test (under the bar code)
   The select the **result** of the test and submit

5) **Step 2**: this must also be completed
   Click the link, found on the form or can be access as
   below to take you directly to the GOV.UK
   reporting site and complete the details as you have
   in college. https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result

GOV.UK

→ **Coronavirus (COVID-19)** | National lockdown: stay at home

→ **Brexit** | Check what you need to do

Home > Coronavirus (COVID-19) > Testing for coronavirus (COVID-19)

Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result

Use this service to report your result to the NHS after using a rapid lateral flow test kit to check if you're infectious with coronavirus (COVID-19).

A rapid lateral flow test is a coronavirus test you do yourself. It shows you the result on a handheld device that comes with the test.

Report the result:

- every time you use a rapid lateral flow test kit
- as soon as possible after you get the result

You cannot report a result after more than 24 hours.

You can only report one result at a time.

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