



Chestnut Grove Academy

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Update on twice weekly COVID-19 testing at home for students

Dear Families,

Students will be moving to twice weekly, rapid COVID-19 testing at home from Monday 22nd March 2021. This is following their first three supervised tests on site at school.

Up to 1 in 3 people who have COVID-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading it without knowing. Getting into a regular habit of testing twice a week will help stop the virus spreading, keeping your family and friends safer.

We will be sending home COVID-19 testing kits with your child from Monday 22nd March. Please make sure your child tests themselves **twice a week 3-5 days apart**. **Students should take the test on Sunday evening and Wednesday evening** after 5pm where possible or in the morning after before school.

Your child should also **continue testing twice a week, at home, throughout the Easter school holidays**. We will be sending home extra kits for Easter holiday before term ends.

This does not replace testing for those with symptoms. If you have symptoms you must self-isolate immediately, book a PCR test and follow national guidelines.

Reporting results

Each time your child completes a lateral flow test, you must report the result to the school using the form [here](#). If the result is positive, your child must not attend school and the household must isolate. You must call the attendance line in the usual way to report absence.



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The NHS also need a record of the result. Please also complete their form [here](#). Results can also be reported via telephone by calling 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm.

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Testing for parents, households and bubbles twice a week

A reminder that regular rapid testing is now also available for parents, their households and support or childcare bubbles. The government is encouraging all families to participate in twice weekly testing to help stop the spread.

Parents and other adults in the household can access tests by:

- Ordering tests online www.gov.uk/order-school-household-tests
- Getting an assisted test at work, if it is available
- Attending a test site to get tested (where you will be able to see how to take the test) or pick up tests to do at home.

To find out more on school household testing visit [Households and bubbles of pupils, students and staff of schools and colleges: get rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

We continue to encourage everyone to take part in regular Covid-19 testing.

Yours faithfully,

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