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Dear Parent / Carer

We have really enjoyed welcoming all the students back to school this week. Thank you for your patience and understanding during the LFD testing schedule which has seen over 2000 tests taken so far. I am incredibly proud of how the students have conducted themselves in the testing centre, and am pleased to report that to date we have not received any positive results.

I am writing to you with information about the home testing kits, and also include information on how the rest of the family can receive asymptomatic tests through the Local Authority, or rapid lateral flow tests through the gov.uk website.

#### **When will my child receive their home test kits?**

Students will be given 2 packs of home testing kits when they have concluded their final test in school. Each pack contains 3 lateral flow tests, six in total. Students will be required to sign for these upon receipt. Year 11 were given their packs yesterday.

Please note that we are only able to distribute home testing kits for students where consent has been received.

#### **When does my child need to test?**

Students should take their tests on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. An instruction leaflet will be included.

#### **How do I record the test result?**

Test results shall need to be recorded in two locations:-

- NHS Test and Trace site (instructions on page 15 of the leaflet given alongside the test packs)
- School Screener – please [click here](#) to see our Guide to Recording Results. You shall need to log in to the School Screener account you created when you gave consent.

#### **What happens if my child does not take the test?**

If they forget, please encourage your child to take the test on the next evening. The days we have suggested tie in with staff tests days, and allow for us to act upon any positive results in a timely manner.

#### **What happens if my child's test result is positive?**

If your child tests positive, please do not send your child to school and inform school immediately by emailing [positivetest@solihull.tgacademy.org.uk](mailto:positivetest@solihull.tgacademy.org.uk)

#### **How long will we continue to receive home testing kits for?**

Home testing kits will continue to be provided for as long as we are instructed by the Government.

If your child is not provided with their home testing kit, please inform [office@solihull.tgacademy.org.uk](mailto:office@solihull.tgacademy.org.uk)





### **Covid-19 home testing kits for households of school children**

Covid-19 home testing kits are now available for households of schoolchildren and members of support and childcare bubbles. These can be ordered direct online and for collection locally. Please see the [gov.uk link](#) for more details.

### **Rapid asymptomatic Covid-19 testing for families at testing centres**

The Local Authority are offering other family members, who are living or working in Solihull, **who do not have Covid-19 symptoms** access to regular, rapid Covid-19 tests at two community testing centres (North Solihull Sports Centre and Tudor Grange Leisure Centre). The centres use self-administered swab tests and anyone aged 2-11 years old must have the test completed by a parent/carer. Those between 12 and 18 years old will require supervision from a parent/carer. Results are received via SMS message within the hour.

Both sites are open seven days a week; Monday to Friday 8.00am-5.30pm, Saturday and Sunday 10.00am-1.30pm and tests must be [booked online](#), or by telephone on 0121 704 6918 if you are unable to access the website or have testing queries.

If someone develops symptoms (high temperature, new continuous cough, loss or change in sense of smell or taste) they need to book a test via the [national website](#) or by calling 119.

**Remember - you must not have any symptoms of COVID-19 to use the council's community testing centres.**

### **Finally**

As always, we will keep you informed of any positive cases reported in the school community. Should your child require to self-isolate at any stage, remote learning will be put into place, updated guidelines have been uploaded to the website [here](#).

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Smith  
Principal

