

22 April 2021

Dear Parent/Carer or Student,

NHS Test and Trace: Covid-19 Home Testing update

We have, received a further delivery of home testing kits from the NHS. We will be making these available to all pupils or students on requests as follows:

Years 7-9	Available to collect from form rooms from next week
Year 10	Available to collect from form rooms from Friday 23 April
Year 11	Available to collect from the Data Office (located at the top of the purple staircase)
Years 12-13	Available to collect from the Sixth Form Office in the Pavilion

Participation continues to be voluntary and attendance at school is unaffected if you decide not to take part. There is no requirement to provide online consent for the home testing; but you should have read the Privacy Notice included in the [Home Testing Information Pack](#) which is available on the school website.

Please could we encourage you to complete one of the tests on a Monday morning each week before the pupil/student attends school. This timing will reduce the implications for others in the event of a positive result. The second test each week should be completed 3-4 days later (e.g. Thursday or Friday morning).

Please can we remind you that guidance from the Department for Education says:

- Anyone aged 11 must have the test administered by an adult
- Anyone aged 12-17 should be supervised by an adult but can swab themselves

Please remember that the result of each test taken by a pupil/student at home needs to be reported to:

- NHS Test and Trace: www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result, and
- Roundhay School: <https://forms.office.com/r/HKCiuKVK1M>

If the test result is positive, then the pupil/student and those in their household (including any childcare or support bubbles) should self-isolate immediately in line with NHS Test and Trace guidance, for 10 full days. A confirmatory PCR test should be booked for the pupil/student, on the same day or as soon as possible.

The lateral flow devices (LFD) which are included in the home testing kits are for asymptomatic individuals only. **If someone displays symptoms they must complete a different type of test (a PCR test) which is processed by a laboratory and self-isolate pending the result.** A lateral flow test must not be used in this scenario. More information about the two types of test and when they should be used can be found in our [March update](#) which is available on the school website.

The kits that we provide are for pupil/student use only. Kits are now also available for the wider public and more information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/regular-rapid-coronavirus-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms/>.

Regular testing of people without symptoms is one of the ways in which we can help stop the virus spreading, alongside all the other control measures which we have in place.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Roundhay Team