



HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

The in-school testing process has gone exceptionally well and we have just completed the second of the three in-school tests. We have had excellent participation in the testing process, and I would like to congratulate all of our students for the way in which they have approached and conducted these tests. Students, without exception, have been outstanding and are a real credit to you.

The testing process will soon be taking place at home using kits that we will be providing. The Government has recently announced that all secondary and college aged students will be [offered tests](#) to make the return to school safer for everyone.

Testing at home

Students will be able to collect home test kits from school when they attend their third and final in-school test. Students will receive two packs of 3 tests with a leaflet on how to take the test and report the results. We would like students to take tests twice a week. The first test should happen on a Sunday evening or Monday morning and then again on Wednesday evening or Thursday morning. Make sure you have enough time to do the test before going to school. Preferably this would be in the morning before going into school. However, we understand that for some people this may be challenging. Therefore, tests can be taken the evening before school if needed.

You will need to tell us the result of each test by entering the result by following the link on our website.

Taking the test

Students should take the test before coming into school twice a week. We will give students a leaflet with instructions on how to do the test with the kit. There is also a useful video to show you how to take the test [here](#).

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[Help and support is available](#), including instructions in different languages on how to test and report the results and a video showing you how to take the test.

There is no need to keep used test equipment after the test result has been reported. You can put it in your normal bin (household waste).

This does not replace symptomatic testing. If you have symptoms, you should self-isolate immediately, book a [PCR test](#) and follow [national guidelines](#).

What should you do after the test?

If anyone tests **positive you, your household, any support bubbles you are part of** should self-isolate immediately in line with NHS Test and Trace guidance for 10 days. You need to report your result to both [NHS Test and Trace](#) and to us. You should [order a confirmatory PCR test](#) if you are testing at home (confirmatory PCR tests are not needed for tests conducted at school).

If the result of the test is **unclear (void)** you should do another test.

Negative and void results should be reported to both [NHS Test & Trace](#) and to us via the website.

A negative result does not guarantee that you are not carrying the virus so you should continue to follow social distancing, and other measures to reduce transmission such as wearing a face mask and regularly washing your hands and observing social distancing.

If you or anyone in your household gets symptoms of the virus you should follow [national guidelines on self-isolation and testing](#).

You need to report each test result. The result of each test needs to be reported using the NHS Test & Trace self-report website: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>. You will also need to tell the school the result of each test by following the links on our website.

Why take part

Taking part in testing is voluntary and all students will be able to attend school whether they take part in testing or not.

I am strongly encouraging all students to take part. Testing at home will allow your child and other students to attend school as safely as possible.

Please contact me as the school's our Covid Coordinator if you have any questions or concerns about home testing.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Jeremy Barnett
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