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Dear Parent/Carer

We have now received the home test kits for LFD testing of students at home for those parents/carers who would like them. As you may know up to one in three people who have Covid19 could be asymptomatic and not know that they have the virus. As a school we are doing all that we can to reduce the spread of the virus with the existing measures that we have already put in place.

### **Testing students at home**

Taking part in testing is voluntary but as a school we do hope that parents/carers will see the benefit in carrying out the testing so we can further improve our chances of reducing any transmission within school.

Tests should be carried out twice per week, so in line with our staff testing, we would like these to be done on Sunday evening/Monday morning and again on Wednesday evening/Thursday morning.

All children will be able to attend school whether they take part or not but we do hope that the option to take the test in the evening as well as the morning will help families to be able to schedule this into their day.

Tests are free of charge and you will initially receive 2 boxes (6 total tests) along with a leaflet on how to take the test and report the results. The tests only take a few minutes to do then you wait for 30 minutes for the result before registering the result.

### **How to take a test**

There are a number of useful videos showing how to do the test and you may find [this video](#) helpful as it shows how to complete the test. You may also wish to watch this with your child to explain what will happen. We would recommend that you make sure you have enough time to do the test before the start of the school day.

Once the test has been completed, the kit is disposed in your normal household waste bin.

## **Test Results**

If your child tests negative, you should report the result to NHS Test and Trace (following the instructions in the leaflet) and to school ([admin@hillcrest.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hillcrest.northumberland.sch.uk)). You should continue to follow social distancing rules, wearing a face mask and regularly washing hands throughout the day. This will be continued in school for all staff and students attending.

If your child's test result is void, you should report the result to NHS Test and Trace and to school then do another test and register these results also.

If your child tests positive, then your child along with any other household or support bubbles, should self-isolate as per the government guidelines. A confirmatory test should be booked [through the NHS](#).

## **Issue of Test Kits**

If you would like a test kit for your child please email or phone school:

[admin@hillcrest.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hillcrest.northumberland.sch.uk)

Telephone to: 01670 713632

Once we have your request, we will confirm that a test kit is being issued. For students who are collected from school, this will be at handover to the parent/carer collecting your child. For students who are on school transport, this will be via the school transport escort who will give the kit to your child at drop off at home.

If your child is on school transport and you would prefer to collect the kit rather than it be sent home on transport, please contact the school using the above contact details and we can arrange a collection time for you.

I do hope that the video and additional information that we have supplied is useful and that you are able to assist us with this testing of students to help us minimise possible transmission.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch with school and we will be happy to assist you.

Yours sincerely



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Head Teacher

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