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Dear Parents and Carers

ST JOHN'S MARLBOROUGH – COVID 19 – HOME TESTING

Further to Mr Tucker's letter last Friday, our on-site Lateral Flowing Testing has now come to an end and we will now move to home testing for all students. Test kits will be distributed to students today, Tuesday, 16th March, during the daily tutor period.

Your child will come home with 2 x Test kits plus a copy of the guidance document *Your step-by-step guide for COVID-19 self-testing*. Each kit contains 3 tests thereby providing testing for 3 weeks of twice weekly testing. We would like students to test on a Sunday and Wednesday each week between the hours of 17.00 – 19.00 ideally. This time window should enable us to identify any other student(s) who may need to isolate should a positive result be reported and contact them the same evening. Testing at home does not require written consent, consent is given by completing the test. As the vast majority of our students have been tested on-site they are practised as to what is required and therefore should have no problems testing at home.

On completion of the test, please allow 30 minutes for the test to process. You are required to upload your result to the NHS following the instructions on page 15 of the guide. We would also request that you notify us of the result so that we can monitor the spread of the virus at St John's and implement any isolation of student bubbles if required. A guidance video: **How to self-test** can be found on our [COVID-19 LATEST INFORMATION](#) section on the website along with other guidance documents and the portal to report your student test result to the school.

Please read the Department for Health and Social Care [Privacy Notice](#) to understand what will happen to your data.

We expect to receive a further supply of tests to distribute to students before the Easter holidays to allow the testing to continue over the break and into the new term.

It is important to remember that although your child is undertaking home testing, Lateral Flow Tests have limitations because an incorrect or misinterpreted result can lead to a false sense of reassurance. It is therefore imperative that all students continue to adhere to the Government guidance, stay at home if unwell, arrange a PCR test if they develop COVID symptoms or have a positive LFT and use rigorous Hands Face and Space protocols.

Thank you for your continued support with the testing programme.

Kind regards.

Yours faithfully

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School Business Manager

