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Dear Parent/Carer,

NHS Test and Trace: Covid 19 Home Testing for Students follow up letter

Those students who have consented to and taken supervised Lateral Flow tests on the school site should now have received their home testing kits.

If you did not originally consent to onsite testing but would like your child to take part in home testing then please contact us via email at: info@oasisbrislington.org

As you are no doubt aware up to one in three people who have COVID-19 can spread the virus without knowing due to them having no symptoms. To reduce the spread of the virus, we need to identify those individuals and to do this in school students should take these tests at home twice every week allowing **3/5 days between each test**. As an example if a student completes a test on a Monday morning then they should then complete the next test on a Thursday and so on.

Your child should continue testing twice a week at home throughout the Easter term break and extra kits will be sent home before the term ends.

As a reminder the results of all tests need to be reported using the NHS Test & Trace self-report website: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

You will also need to tell us the result of each test by completing our Microsoft form via this link: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=zz3XjXy17EC3-HVbUS2fe6Heiyu1QhFBmCSm6Oh7J3tUMTJXVTBKVIZBT1ZKMlIKUTNCMfK2RzJCQj4u>

Taking the Test

Students have been issued with instructions on how to do the tests but if needed please find a useful video here which shows you how to take the test:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9XR8RZxKNo&list=PLvaBZskxS7tzQYIVg7lwH5uxAD9UrSzGJ>

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Help and support is also available including instructions in different languages on how to test and report the results: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-self-test-help>.

What should you do after taking the test?

If a student has a positive test result, they will need to stay home and self-isolate along with other members of their household and any support bubbles they are part of. When positive results are reported you will be provided with further information regarding the taking of a confirmatory PCR test. If the results of any tests are unclear (void) students will need to do another one.

Please note that these tests do not replace symptomatic testing and should any members of your household develop any symptoms of covid_19 then you should immediately self-isolate, book a PCR test and follow national guidelines.

Taking part

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

We are however strongly encouraging all students to take part in the national testing programme.

Finally, should you have any questions or queries regarding any of the above then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully



Peter Knight
Principal

