



Our Ref: LTM/kmd/homekits

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Update on School Re-Opening and Lateral Flow Testing

We have had an extremely positive start to the week, welcoming students back into school and completing Lateral Flow Testing prior to students returning to lessons. Well done and thank you to all our students who have returned to date, they have listened carefully to instructions and been extremely responsible in undertaking the initial testing and working to the arrangements outlined for a safe return to school.

At this stage we have had no positive tests returned which is extremely encouraging and gives everyone further reassurance regarding the current situation moving forward. We look forward to welcoming the remaining year groups throughout the week and starting next week with everyone arriving together.

You will be aware that the testing programme offers students the chance of up to three tests in school followed by a switch to home testing, where students will be supplied with home testing kits which they will complete under the supervision of parents. Please see the information below which outlines key dates:

Testing in School

Students will be collected from their lessons at an allocated time, complete their test and then be returned to their lesson. At this stage there is no requirement to contain students until their result is processed as it is a screening process to identify asymptomatic cases. Should a positive test be received then the identified student will be isolated and we will contact home to organise immediate collection from school. Normal isolation procedures will then follow. If you have not at this stage consented for testing in school but now wish to, please complete the consent form at the following link:

<http://bit.ly/ows-consent-students>

Date	P1 & P2	P3	P4 & P5
Thursday, 11th March	-	Y13 Test 2	Y11 Test 2
Friday, 12th March	-	Y12 Test 2	Y10 Test 2
Monday, 15th March	Y9 Test 2	-	Y8 Test 2
Tuesday, 16th March	Y11 Test 3	Y13 Test 3	Y7 Test 2
Wednesday, 17th March	Y10 Test 3	Y12 Test 3	-
Thursday, 18th March	Y8 Test 3	-	Y9 Test 3

(Please note that we will not be offering a third test to students in Y7, due to the timeline required between testing and the staggered start to the year, these students will need to complete a test using the Home Testing kits on Sunday, 21st March).

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Home Testing Kits

Home testing kits will be handed out to students to bring home on Friday, 19th March. Kits come in packs of three tests and students will be provided with two boxes, providing 6 tests in total. The packs contain all the instructions required for administering the test, although students will arrive with an updated booklet provided by the NHS which should replace the booklets that are contained within each pack. The booklet explains the procedure for recording test results with the NHS (which is extremely simple once you have registered an account).

Should a positive test be returned, then alongside updating the NHS records we would also ask that you make contact with school immediately to inform us of the situation by contacting our attendance line or emailing covid.support@oldburywells.com. Should this situation arise then your child and the household bubble will be required to self-isolate while taking further advice from the NHS and/or awaiting a result from a full PCR test.

We would ask that home testing is completed by students on the following dates:

- Sunday, 21st March
- Thursday, 25th March
- Sunday, 28th March
- EASTER BREAK**
- Sunday, 18th April
- Thursday, 22nd April
- Sunday, 25th April

Our understanding is that as we get towards the end of this window we will be supplying further tests for use at home, we will update you on how this will work moving forward.

Thank you again for your support during this time, we look forward to continuing to support your child as we start to Re-Boot provision in school.

Yours faithfully



Lee Tristham
Headteacher