

22 March 2021

Home COVID Testing

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following a successful testing programme in school, we will be issuing COVID home test kits to students in Y7-Y11 on Tuesday 23rd March, and to students in Y12 & Y13 on Wednesday 24th March. Students will then receive a 3-week supply of tests initially, and we will supply more test kits on a fortnightly basis on Tuesdays for all students.

Please note that regardless of prior consent for in school testing, **home testing kits will be issued to all students**. Families can make their own decision on whether they use the test kits or not and do not need to return unused kits to the school.

Tests are free of charge. Students will receive two packs of 3 tests in a box, alongside a leaflet explaining how to take the test and report the results.

We will be offering training to students on how to take the tests during form time this week and these resources will be available for parents to view on the KAA website here: [Rapid Covid Testing | KAA](#).

Taking the test

It is recommended that students take the tests **every Monday and Thursday morning** before school. However, we understand that for some people this may be challenging. Therefore, tests can be taken the evening before if needed.

The test procedure is simple and easy to follow. A helpful video guide is available here: [Step by step guide to COVID-19 self-testing](#).

Further [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).

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

Please note that we can only supply home test kits to KAA students and staff. If you would like test kits for other members of your household, you can collect these from any of the local COVID rapid testing sites.

What should you do after the test?

If the test is **positive;**

1. Everyone in your household self-isolate immediately in line with NHS Test and Trace guidance for 10 days.
2. You need to report your result to both [NHS Test and Trace](#) and KAA (email info@kaa.org.uk).
3. You should [order a confirmatory PCR test](#) if you are testing at home.

If the test is **negative:**

1. This should be reported to [NHS Test & Trace](#) but you **do not** need to report it to school.
2. Your child can attend school as normal.

If the test result is **unclear (void):**

1. You should do another test and report your result to [NHS Test & Trace](#)

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](#).

What if my child cannot test at home?

The vast majority of students will be able to administer home test kits with adult supervision at home. We recognise that for a small number this could prove more challenging and we may be able to offer testing in school to these students. If you would like to request this please contact info@kaa.org.uk.

Why take part?

Up to one in three people who have COVID-19 can spread the virus without knowing. This is because they have no symptoms. To reduce the spread of the virus, we need to identify those individuals. 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 info@kaa.org.uk if you have any other questions or concerns about home testing.

Best wishes,



David Benson
Principal