

26/3/21

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: KS3 students [Y7 & Y8] Self-Testing Kits

As lockdown rules relax, the Government have asked that you continue to support your child with the twice-weekly LTF testing programme during the Easter holiday period.

In discussion with students and staff, we all feel more confident in protecting our community and are very grateful for your support. 96% of students in Year 7 & Year 8 have completed the three tests and have been issued with self-testing kits to continue testing at home.

Animation for students to encourage LFT at home

Please click on the link below to see a short animation about the importance of LFT at home which we hope is helpful:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=RqIWrnC3suo

How often will students need to test?

Students will need to test twice a week on a Wednesday and at the weekend during the holiday period, the same days as in school.

What do I do with the results?

Please log your results with the Government – **Page 15** of the guidance explains that you need to visit www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result. You will need to log whether the test is negative or positive each time to your child completes the test.

What if the test is positive?

Page 16 explains what happens in detail if you get a positive result. You will be required to self-isolate as a family, seek a test at an official Covid-19 testing centre and inform the school. Please use the dedicated email: covid@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk, which will be monitored throughout the holidays and at weekends. We will then contact Public Health England to seek their advice about how to respond.

What if I choose not to test my child?

This is your choice it is not compulsory, however, the majority of students have participated in this process and their feedback is that once getting used to it, they feel they are supporting our community and helps them feel a little safer. We would like to encourage you to continue.

What if I run out of tests?

Additional tests will be distributed to students to cover the holiday period. However, if you have struggled and had to repeat tests and are running out, testing kits are available from the school office throughout the holidays Monday to Thursday from **10am to 3pm**, with the exception of Easter Monday and Good Friday.

Your children have shown phenomenal resilience throughout this whole process and we thank for your support in such challenging times.

Yours sincerely

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