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**Dear Parents and Carers** 

## **Home Testing Kits**

We have been excited to welcome all students back to school this week. It has been a pleasure to see full classrooms and students working hard with their teachers and to witness them socialising during break and lunch with friends they have no doubt missed.

As you know we have offered all Secondary students the opportunity to undertake rapid LFD testing in school and all those who signed up to be tested have undertaken the three required 'in-school' tests. From this point forward students are to undertake their testing at home.

All Secondary students will be provided with two packs of home tests which will include a total of six tests. This will provide students with enough tests to undertake **two tests per week** for the last two full weeks of school prior to the Easter holidays; a test in the final week (we close on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> of April for the Easter break) and one to undertake prior to their return after Easter. This final test should ideally be undertaken on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April** prior to their return to school.

Guidance relating to testing states that students undertaking tests at home need to record their result through the NHS test and trace website. Information contained in the enclosed booklet explains how to do this.

You will **need to notify the school of their home test result** and, to make things easier, we have created a simple form that you can complete online that allows you to submit the result of each test to the school. This can be found here;

https://bit.ly/TGAtestresult or alternatively you can use the QR code below;



I should stress, however, that students who **test positive** or who develop symptoms **should self-isolate and follow guidance relating to self-isolation** which can be found here;

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate- and-what-to-do/

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We have collated further guidance on how to undertake home testing and how to register results on our website and this can be done by clicking on the link below;

https://www.thegrangeacademy.co.uk/home-lateral-flow-testing-lft-guidance/

Taking part in testing is voluntary and all students will be able to attend school whether they take part in testing or not. However, 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 Mrs Hall, our COVID Coordinator, if you have any questions or concerns about home testing.

Students have continued to impress this week as they reintegrate into lessons in the classroom. We are delighted to have our school community back and we look forward to working with students in the coming weeks to continue their learning and strive for continued progress.

Yours faithfully

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