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Dear Parent/Carers

### **RE: Lateral Flow Tests for Pupils**

Thank you to those parents who consented to support the NHS Test and Trace initiative by having their child tested in school. I am writing to let you know that we will extend this twice weekly testing up to the Easter holidays. This means pupils who have consented to be tested will continue to receive tests. **Please let the school know if you do not wish this to happen.**

**Please find enclosed a poster regarding information to parents on helping us keep covid out of school. This information is about the rapid testing facilities / devices available for parents.**

### **Home Testing for Pupils**

During the Easter holidays it will be possible for you to test your children twice a week at home, 3 – 4 days apart. If you feel that it is appropriate for your child to be tested at home, you will be able to collect their home test kits from school on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021.**

Tests are free of charge. You will receive 2 packs which each contain 3 tests in a box, also included is a leaflet on how to take the test and report the results. All tests must be signed for and school will record the lot number of the tests. You will not need to complete another consent form for these home tests.

**The result of each test needs to be reported using the NHS Test & Trace self-report website: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>.**

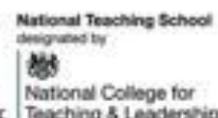
**You will also need to tell the school of any positive result by using the website link or by email to [office@springcommon.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@springcommon.cambs.sch.uk).**

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).

If your child tests positive you should order a confirmatory PCR test by using this link <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. If the result of the test is **unclear (void)** you should do another test.

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**All results (including negative and void results) need to be reported 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.

**Can my child take the test themselves?**

Students aged 12-19 should do the test themselves with adult supervision. The adult may help the pupil to take the test if they need support. The adult must report the result.

Students aged 11 must be tested by an adult and the adult must report the result.

Please read the Covid 19 Lateral Flow Test Privacy notice on our school website to understand what will happen with your child's data.

**Incidence rates by school catchment**

The updated incidence rates for your school's catchment area for this week can be found [here](#).

If you wish to collect tests for your child on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, please contact the school office by phone – 01480 377403, or email [office@springcommon.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@springcommon.cambs.sch.uk).

If you have any further questions about home testing please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely



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