



16<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

We have really enjoyed welcoming all the students back to school. Thank you for your patience and understanding during the LFD testing schedule, which has seen over 1500 tests taken so far. I am incredibly proud of how the students have conducted themselves in the testing centre.

I am writing to you with information about the home testing kits, and also include information on how the rest of the family can receive asymptomatic tests through the Local Authority, or rapid lateral flow tests through the gov.uk website.

### **When will my child receive their home test kits?**

Students will return to their tutor bases at 2.30pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March where they will be given their first pack of home testing kits. They will also be shown a video on how to use the testing kits, the video will also be posted on the website for parents to view or [click here](#).

Please note that we are only able to distribute home testing kits for students where consent has been received. Subsequent test kits will be issued weekly during tutor time.

### **When does my child need to test?**

Students should take their tests on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. An instruction leaflet will be included.

### **How do I record the test result?**

Test results shall need to be recorded in two locations:-

- NHS Test and Trace site (instructions on page 15 of the leaflet given alongside the test packs)
- School Screener – please [click here](#) to see our Guide to Recording Results. You will need to log to the School Screener account you created when you gave consent.

**What happens if my child does not take the test?** If they forget, please encourage your child to take the test on the next evening. The days we have suggested tie in with staff tests days, and allow for us to act upon any positive results in a timely manner. If results are not submitted for test kits we have issued, we will not be able to issue further test kits.





### **How long will we continue to receive home testing kits for?**

Home testing kits will continue to be provided for as long as we are instructed by the Government. If your child does not receive their home testing kit, please inform [office@samworth.tgacademy.org.uk](mailto:office@samworth.tgacademy.org.uk).

### **Covid-19 home testing kits for households of school children**

Covid-19 home testing kits are now available for households of schoolchildren and members of support and childcare bubbles. These can be ordered direct online and for collection locally. Please see the [gov.uk link](https://www.gov.uk) for more details.

If someone develops symptoms (high temperature, new continuous cough, loss or change in sense of smell or taste) they need to book a PCR test via the [national website](https://www.nhs.uk) or by calling 119.

Finally, as always, we will keep you informed of any positive cases reported in the school community. Should your child require to self-isolate at any stage, remote learning will be put into place, updated guidelines have been uploaded to the website [here](#)

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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