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Dear Parents and Carers

COVID-19 - Home Testing

Thank you for your support with the onsite student lateral flow testing process over the past week. We have successfully completed two tests for all consenting students and are on course to completing three tests by the end of school on Monday.

After this time, students will revert to a programme of self-testing at home, which is also being extended to parents, carers and support bubble members.

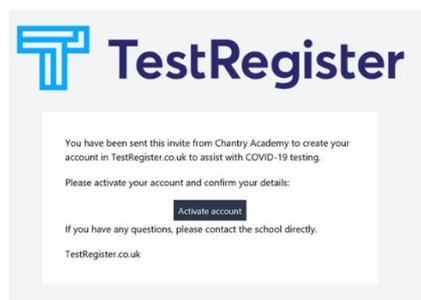
Taking part in home testing is voluntary and all students will be able to attend Chantry Academy whether they test themselves or not. However, we are strongly encouraging all students to take part in the national testing programme. We also want to reassure you that during the testing programme we will maintain hand washing, mask wearing, social distancing, and ventilation of rooms at school to keep the students safe.

Home testing from Monday, 15 March

We will begin the distribution process of home testing kits for students on Monday. These lateral flow tests are designed to identify students who have coronavirus but no symptoms, and help to stop the spread of the virus in families, to school friends and school staff. Up to one in three people who have COVID-19 can spread the virus without knowing they have it, so these tests play an important part in keeping us all safe.

Each student will be offered kits, free of charge, which will allow them to test themselves, with the help of an adult, twice a week. The tests are the same as those used in school over the last few days; they are easy to use and provide results in 30 minutes. An instruction booklet will be given to each student, alternatively, you may prefer to view this video link - [Step by step guide to COVID-19 self-testing - YouTube](#).

Test results should be reported to the Academy through TestRegister. An activation e-mail (as shown in the picture below) will be sent to parents/carers in order to register your child's/children's test results using the "Activate Account" button. Use the same email and click on the "Activate Account" button for every test result you register. Please note that results also need to be reported to NHS Test and Trace, and the Test Register system will automatically refer you to NHS Test and Trace as part of the reporting process.



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https://www.chantryacademy.org/docs/GDPR/CA_Covid_19_Testing_Privacy_Statement_Students_1_.pdf

Test results

If a student receives a positive lateral flow test result, they must self-isolate at home to prevent transmission of the virus, and arrange to take a PCR test. PCR tests can be booked at local testing centres or completed at home. Home PCR tests can be ordered through the following link - [Order a confirmatory PCR test](#) . If the PCR test is negative, the student can return to school immediately.

If the result of the home lateral flow test is unclear (void), another test will need to be completed. If the second test result is also unclear (void), please order a PCR test, and your child can continue to come to school.

Reporting problems or issues with testing

If there is an issue with the test kit, for example something is missing, please report this by calling **119**.

If an accident or injury happens whilst using the test kit, please report what happened using this website: <https://coronavirus-yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk/>

Students who wish to continue being tested in school

Some students may prefer to continue being tested at school – if so, please e-mail or telephone Mrs Bonwick – cbonwick@chantryacademy.org / 01473 687181.

Home testing kits are also available for students' parents / carers / support bubbles

Parents, carers and support bubbles can now be tested by:

- Booking an appointment at a test site and asking for a rapid lateral flow test which gives you the result in 30 minutes - [Find your nearest rapid lateral flow test site](#).
- Collecting home test kits at a local collection point - [Find your nearest home test kit collection point](#). No appointment is needed but the person collecting tests must be over 18.
- Ordering a home test kit online - [Order rapid lateral flow home test kits](#)

Help and support is available for students, parents and carers, including instructions, in different languages, on how to test and report the results and a video showing you how to take the test.

Further information -

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/understanding-lateral-flow-antigen-testing-for-people-without-symptoms>

Please contact Covid@chantryacademy.org if you have any questions or concerns about home testing.

Yours sincerely

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