

28 May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Testing over the May Half-Term

Thank you for your continued support with Covid-19 home testing.

We understand that each student has individual needs. Many students have adapted to testing as part of their routine, while others find this more challenging.

Students (except those in Years 11 and 13 who are leaving) were issued with a new pack containing 7 test kits this week. Wherever possible, your child should **continue testing and reporting results twice a week, at home, throughout the May half-term school holiday and take a test before returning to school on 7th June.**

Reporting results to NHS Test and Trace

Recording all test results helps scientists stay ahead of the virus by spotting new outbreaks quickly and advising how to respond. **Reporting results is easy.**

Go to: [Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/report-a-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-test-result) Or call: 119 free from a mobile or landline. Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm. Support is offered in 200 languages as well as British Sign Language and Live Video Assistance.

All results should be reported, even if your child's result is negative or void.

Reporting results to the school

What if my child tests negative?

If your child **tests negative** on a lateral flow device at home with a self testing kit, please inform us by filling in these Google Forms (which accept multiple responses).

You will need to fill in the Form every time they test negative:

[Year 7 reporting a NEGATIVE result Form](#)

[Year 8 reporting a NEGATIVE result Form](#)

[Year 9 reporting a NEGATIVE result Form](#)

[Year 10 reporting a NEGATIVE result Form](#)

[Year 12 reporting a NEGATIVE result Form](#)

While a small number of pupils may need to repeat the test if the first test was invalid or void for some reason, pupils who test negative will be able to stay in school and resume their activities as normal.

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What if my child tests positive?

If your child **tests positive** on a lateral flow device at home with a self testing kit, please inform us straight away by phoning the school on 01895234342 and emailing Mrs. Foster (afoster@vynersschool.org.uk) and Mrs. Bashford-Hynes (ehynes@vynersschool.org.uk).

Your child will need to self-isolate for 10 days and follow the guidance from NHS Test and Trace. They **will also need to book** a PCR confirmatory test. If that PCR test is negative, self-isolation will stop and your child will be allowed back to school immediately along with all their close contacts.

Where students test positive for COVID-19 during half-term, having developed symptoms **more than 2 days since being in school**, no action is needed. Young people, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace. However, where students test positive having developed symptoms **within 2 days of being in school**, you are asked to report it to us, as your child may have been infectious whilst in school.

What if my child gets a Void / Invalid result?

If your child **gets a void / invalid result**, they should complete a second LFT test. If they get a second void / invalid result, you should book a PCR test for them (there is no need to self isolate unless you have Covid symptoms) and report this issue to Neill Cahill (ncahill@vynersschool.org.uk).

Universal Testing

The government is encouraging all adults to participate in twice weekly testing to help stop the spread of coronavirus. You can order tests through the [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests](#) service.

Up to one in three people who have COVID-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading it without knowing. Maintaining a regular habit of testing twice a week, 3-4 days apart, will help stop the virus spreading and keep our school open to students and staff.

Thank you in advance for all you are continuing to do to help protect the Vyners community.

Yours sincerely



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