



ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

18th March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Lateral Flow Home Testing Kits

Thank you for all of your support with the Lateral Flow Testing programme in school. Our children have been fantastic, and they have been a credit to the school and their families.

Following completion of test three, all children will be given two boxes containing three home tests in each kit. There is also an instruction sheet explaining how to do the test and how to report the result to the NHS. Year 10 and 11 will receive their kits on Friday 19th March. Year 9, Year 8 and Year 7 will receive their kits on Monday 22nd March.

In order to reduce the chances of the virus spreading amongst our student population we are asking all children to carry out home tests, twice weekly. One test should be completed on, or as close to Monday morning as possible and the second test should be completed on Wednesday after the school day.

If a test is positive please keep your child at home and report your child's absence to school in the usual way. You will then need to book a confirmation PCR test for your child online here: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. Your child and any members of the household must isolate whilst waiting for the result of the PCR test.

If the PCR test confirms a positive result your child and any member of your household must complete the 10 day isolation period. If the PCR test is negative, you must forward a copy of the result to school, your child may return to school and will no longer need to isolate.

We are awaiting confirmation from the Department for Education on how further test kits will be distributed to families.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Doherty
School Business Manager