



March 2021

Dear families,

At Home Testing for Students

As mentioned in our previous letter regarding students testing twice weekly at home, students are expected to continue testing throughout Easter.

Up to 1 in 3 people who have COVID-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading it without knowing. Getting into a regular habit of testing twice a week will help stop the virus spreading, keeping your family and friends safer.

We will be sending home the next batch of COVID-19 testing kits with your child from week commencing Monday, 29 March. **Tests will only be issued to students that have given consent to be tested in school.** Please make sure your child tests themselves on the dates we have recommended below, either in the morning before school if possible or in the evening after school (the test can be done at any time throughout the day during the Easter holiday period).

Please see below suggested testing schedule for all year groups.

Home Testing Schedule

Year Group	Home Test 4 Date	Home Test 5 Date	Home Test 6 Date	Home Test 7 Date	Home Test 8 Date	Home test 9 Date
Year 7	Saturday 3 rd April	Wednesday 7 th April	Sunday 11 th April	Thursday 15 th April	Monday 19 th April	Friday 23 rd April
Year 8	Sunday 4 th April	Thursday 8 th April	Monday 12 th April	Friday 16 th April	Tuesday 20 th April	Saturday 24 th April
Year 9	Sunday 4 th April	Thursday 8 th April	Monday 12 th April	Friday 16 th April	Tuesday 20 th April	Saturday 24 th April
Year 10 & INA	Saturday 3 rd April	Wednesday 7 th April	Sunday 11 th April	Thursday 15 th April	Monday 19 th April	Friday 23 rd April
Year 11	Friday 2 nd April	Tuesday 6 th April	Saturday 10 th April	Wednesday 14 th April	Sunday 18 th April	Thursday 22 nd April
Year 12	Friday 2 nd April	Tuesday 6 th April	Saturday 10 th April	Wednesday 14 th April	Sunday 18 th April	Thursday 22 nd April
Year 13	Friday 2 nd April	Tuesday 6 th April	Saturday 10 th April	Wednesday 14 th April	Sunday 18 th April	Thursday 22 nd April

This does not replace testing for those with symptoms. If you have symptoms you must self-isolate immediately, book a PCR test and follow national guidelines.

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Reporting results

It is really important that results of test are reported online straight away, even if your child's result is negative or void. It's easy to do at www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result.

Results can also be reported via telephone by calling 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm.

You are not expected to report your negative results to your form tutor during the Easter holiday period. If the test is positive, please contact the Academy directly on 0121 558 8086 or info@collegiateacademy.org.uk

Testing for parents, households and bubbles twice a week

A reminder that regular rapid testing is now also available for parents, their households and support or childcare bubbles. The government is encouraging all families to participate in twice weekly testing to help stop the spread.

Parents and other adults in the household can access tests by:

- Ordering tests online www.gov.uk/order-school-household-tests
- Getting an assisted test at work, if it is available
- Attending a test site to get tested (where you will be able to see how to take the test) or pick up tests to do at home.

Please note the Academy is not able to provide tests for families.

We continue to encourage everyone to take part in regular Covid-19 testing.

Kind regards



Mr Irish
Principal



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STAY ALERT TO THE SYMPTOMS

HIGH TEMPERATURE OR NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH OR LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL?

FIND OUT HOW TO GET A TEST, AND HOW LONG TO ISOLATE AT:
nhs.uk/coronavirus

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