

Our ref: GMG/cm

23 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: NHS Test and Trace: COVID-19 Home Testing for pupils

Up to one in three people who have COVID-19 can spread the virus without knowing. This is because they have no symptoms. To reduce the spread of the virus, we need to identify those individuals. The Government has recently announced that all secondary pupils will be offered tests to make the return to school safer for everyone.

Testing Pupils at home

Testing should be conducted twice a week on a Sunday and Wednesday evening. The results need to be reported to NHS Test and Trace as soon as the test is completed either online or by telephone as per the instructions in the home test kit. Tests are free of charge and will be provided by the school. It is important that tests assigned to you are not used by anyone else.

Please can you also provide the results to school via the following method:

Email - pupilstesting@leamanor.luton.sch.uk

In the subject heading please state your child's full name, Learning Family details along with either:

- **Negative**
- **Positive**
- **Void**

Pupils will receive two packs of 3 tests with an instruction leaflet on how to take the test and report the results. There is also a useful video to show you how to take the test <https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&app=desktop&v=S9XR8RZxKNo>

Pupils aged 11 must be tested by an adult and the adult must report the results. Pupils aged over 12 should do the test themselves with adult supervision. If there is an issue with the test kit, please report it by calling 119. There is no need to keep used test equipment after the test result has been reported. This can be disposed of in your normal bin (household waste). LFD test does not replace symptomatic testing. If you have symptoms, you should self-isolate immediately, book a PCR test and follow national guidelines.

If anyone tests **positive, you, your household, and any support bubbles you are part of** should self-isolate immediately in line with NHS Test and Trace guidance for 10 days. If the result of the test is **unclear (void)** you should do another test. **Negative and void results** should be reported to both NHS Test & Trace and your school. A negative result does not guarantee that you are not carrying the virus. So, you should continue to follow social distancing, and other measures to reduce transmission such as wearing a face mask and regularly washing your hands.

Please contact our COVID Coordinator Mrs Shahid on the email below, if you have any questions or concerns about home testing.

- pupiltesting@leamanor.luton.sch.uk

Consent / Privacy

Taking part in testing is voluntary and all pupils will be able to attend school whether they take part in testing or not. Testing at home will allow your child and other pupils to attend school as safely as possible. Pupils should continue testing twice a week, at home, throughout the Easter holidays. Once you have understood the testing process and have read the privacy notice, if you choose to participate, you are committing to self-administer the test and report your results (whether positive, negative or void) via the NHS Test & Trace digital platform and to school.

Parents/carers are required to read the privacy notice and consent for their child to collect the home testing kits from school. Please follow the link below:

- [Consent form](#)

The Home testing kits are ready for pupils to collect during Learning Family time from **Wednesday 24 March 2021 to Friday 26 March 2021**. We will be issuing further test kits after the Easter holidays and will continue to issue 2 test kits to pupils every 3 weeks. You will be notified via email each time we reissue the testing kits.

We actively encourage parents/carers to regularly test their children to keep the community safe.

Yours faithfully



Gwyneth Gibson
Head Teacher