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Dear Parent/Carer

Update on self-isolation rules and COVID-19 testing

I hope you have had a restful summer break, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the self-isolation rules and COVID-19 testing.

Self-isolating and taking a test

If your child has symptoms, they should self-isolate – and you should inform their education or childcare setting. You should immediately order a PCR test for them. If the PCR result is negative, they can stop self-isolating (unless instructed to self-isolate for other reasons). If the PCR result is positive, they must self-isolate until 10 days after the onset of symptoms. Please also inform school of the positive result.

1. If your child has a positive result from a lateral flow device (LFD) test, they should self-isolate – and you should inform their education or childcare setting. You should immediately order a confirmatory PCR test. If the confirmatory test is taken within two days and the result is negative, they can stop self-isolating (unless instructed to self-isolate for other reasons). If the confirmatory PCR test is positive (or is taken more than two days after the LFD), they must self-isolate until 10 days after the LFD test.
2. PCR tests can be booked online through the [NHS Test & Trace website](#) or by calling 119. Results will be recorded with NHS Test and Trace automatically, but you should also communicate the result to the school.
3. Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:
 - they are fully vaccinated
 - they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
 - they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
 - they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a [PCR test](#). We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

COVID-19 testing

As pupils will have potentially mixed with lots of other people during the summer holidays, all pupils will receive two supervised lateral flow tests on site at the beginning of the new term before recommencing twice-weekly rapid COVID-19 testing at home. You will shortly receive a notification through Endeavour Multi Academy Trust app (Weduc) to complete a consent form. If consent has been given previously you do not need to re-consent. Consent can be withdrawn at any time, please contact the school office should you wish to withdraw consent.

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Testing will take place as follows:

Year	1 st test	2 nd test
7 & 11	Friday 3 rd September	Tuesday 7 th September
8,9,10,12,13,14	Monday 6 th September	Thursday 9 th September

We will also send home COVID-19 testing kits with your child during the first week back. Please make sure your child tests themselves twice a week 3-5 days apart. We suggest that children are tested on Wednesday and Sunday evenings.

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.

Reporting results

It is really important that results of home testing kits are reported online straight away, even if your child's result is negative or void. It is 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.

It is important to keep a note of your child's results and share this with school or college as well, **if their result is positive**. To do this, please contact the School Office through Endeavour Multi Academy Trust app (weduc).

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.

To find out more on school household testing visit [Households and bubbles of pupils, students and staff of schools and colleges: get rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/households-and-bubbles-of-pupils-students-and-staff-of-schools-and-colleges-get-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)

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

We look forward to welcoming everyone back into school.

Yours faithfully

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