

31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

### **Home Lateral Flow Testing**

We will be sending pupils home on Thursday with their next set of testing kits for use twice a week at home. Tests should be taken and reported to the school and the NHS over the Easter holiday period. Pupils will receive a reminder email every Sunday and Wednesday on their school email account. This makes it easier to register the test result by clicking on the link within the email.

Please ensure that pupils are carrying out these tests, supported by an adult if necessary. If you have any issues about how to do the tests, please look at the COVID-19 self-test help, which can be found by following the link [here](#). This includes a YouTube video demonstration as well as the written guide in 12 languages.

It is important that everyone maintain the current testing programme of two tests per week. All our staff have access to self-test kits too and are being encouraged to conduct twice-weekly tests in order to provide assurance for their colleagues. We do not want to return to the situation we faced before Christmas, when large numbers of children and adults had to self-isolate.

### **PCR and LFD testing during Ramadan**

The British Islamic Medical Association's view is that taking polymerase chain reaction (PCR) or lateral flow device (LFD) tests during Ramadan does not invalidate the fast. People may feel more comfortable doing the tests when they are not fasting. In this case, with the move to home-testing, tests can be carried out at any time.

Thank you, as ever, for your engagement and support; it has been appreciated as we have returned to school.

We send you all our best wishes for the holidays, and in particular those families who will be celebrating Easter or Vaisakhi or who are preparing for the start of Ramadan.

Please stay safe

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