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Dear Parents and Carers

Home testing kits

The health and safety of every member of our school community remains our priority and mass testing is key to us achieving this. So far, with the support of all pupils and staff, we have managed to test everyone at least twice in just over a week with the final on-site test taking place this week.

As you know, the DfE has requested that all schools and colleges distribute asymptomatic testing kits for home use to all consenting staff and students. We will start distributing these kits to the children this week. We will be providing three weeks' worth of testing with more to follow just before the Easter break, when testing should continue.

In preparation for this to happen, and for us to efficiently track and distribute home test kits, we will assume that the consent status remains the same for your child(ren) as it was for asymptomatic testing in school. If this is the case, we will use this consent to generate our distribution lists. If this has changed in any way (either you have not given consent and now want to or you have given consent and would like to withdraw it) please can you contact me so that I can update our records accordingly. **If there has been no change, you do not need to contact me.**

It is recommended that home testing occurs twice a week, every 3 to 4 days. It is also recommended that students should be tested in the morning before making their journey to school. This may not always be possible, and some families may choose to test in the evening when there is more time available. Ideally, a home test routine would see a test occurring on Monday and Thursday morning each week.

A comprehensive video on how to complete the testing process at home can be found here [How to do a COVID-19 Self-Test \(rapid antigen test\)](#) - YouTube.

Before taking your first test, I would remind you to read the privacy notice located on our website:

[Oakmoor Privacy Policy](#).

When taking any test, please read the instructions for use. We will provide these with the testing pack. You will need to record the details of the test kit so that you can register the result online via the government website: [NHS Track and Trace](#). We are also asked to keep a record of your results so please can you complete our simple Microsoft Form: [Click here to inform us of the result](#).

If anyone tests **positive, they and the household and any support bubbles they are part of** should self-isolate immediately in line with NHS Test and Trace guidance for 10 days whilst reporting the results using the above methods. You should [order a confirmatory PCR test](#) if you are testing at home (confirmatory PCR tests were not needed if the test was conducted at School).

If you or anyone in your household has symptoms of the virus you should continue to follow the [national guidelines on self-isolation and testing](#).

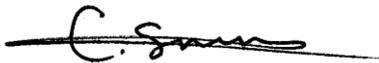
Home testing is a useful tool / control measure that will help us to quickly identify those who may be carrying high viral loads of coronavirus and who are at risk themselves and a potential risk to others.

Please can I ask that you to continue to impress on your children that a negative home test result is not a reason for social distancing and high levels of good hygiene to stop.

Your child will come home in the next few days with their three-week testing pack and leaflet with instructions. These instructions can also be found on our website.

If you have any questions, please email enquiries@oakmoor.hants.sch.uk with the subject heading Home Testing or via our [Facebook page](#).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Simpson', written over a horizontal line.

Mrs Simpson
Operations Manager