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Update on twice weekly COVID-19 testing at home for pupils

Dear parent/carer,

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.

Until the end of term 4 we will continue to test pupils in school twice a week, except for Year 11 who have been issued home testing kits already.

We will be sending home COVID-19 testing kits with your child from w/c 29th March to enable testing to continue over the Easter holidays. Please make sure your child tests themselves **twice a week, we recommend a Sunday evening and a Thursday evening.**

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 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. **If your child has a positive result, you must inform the school immediately.**

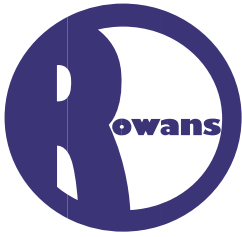
Testing for parents, households and bubbles twice a week

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





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- 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](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/households-and-bubbles-of-pupils-students-and-staff-of-schools-and-colleges-get-rapid-lateral-flow-tests) (www.gov.uk)

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

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs F May
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