



ST HELENA SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

As you will be aware, to support the safe return to school for staff and students we have the facility to take part in the regular lateral flow testing programme at home. Please find the details below:

- Here is a quick form to complete, **only complete this form if you DO NOT wish to receive home test kits**. Tests are not compulsory and we only want to send them to homes where they will be used. [I do not require home test kits](#)
- On **Monday 15 March** we will start to distribute the test kits to students to bring home.
- The instructions for home testing are included with the box, please disregard the booklet inside the box, as guidance has since changed. This link may also be of use [Home Testing Guidance](#).
- Students' first home test should be completed on Thursday 18th March. We would like all students to take their tests at the following times: Every Sunday after 4pm and every Thursday after 4pm.
- It will be your responsibility to upload the results to the NHS site using the instructions in the booklet.
- If you receive a positive result please email the school on contact@st-helena.essex.sch.uk or telephone during school hours on 01206 572253 to inform us and we can talk you through the next steps.
- If your child has had a positive coronavirus test result in the last 90 days they will not need to take a test.
- If your child has had a vaccination, they can still take the lateral flow test.
- These systems have been put in place by the Department for Education until the Easter holidays start on Friday 26 March. Once we receive updated guidance we will of course let you know.

Kind regards

Fiona Pierson
Headteacher

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