



BEECHEN CLIFF

11th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

The NHS are concerned that up to one in three people who have COVID-19 can spread the virus without knowing - this is because they have no symptoms. We can all help to identify asymptomatic cases in our school by asking our students to carry out tests at home twice every week, 3-4 days apart, which will help reduce the spread of the virus.

Step 1: Taking test kits home

All Pupils and students at Beechen Cliff will be allocated a box of tests, which should last three weeks so that they can test themselves twice a week for the rest of this term. **Please note** that these tests are for student use only and each lot number has been registered against your son or daughter's name. They will be given their home test kits when they have completed their third test in school. This will be on the following days:

Years 11 and 13 Tuesday 16th March

Years 7, 10 and 12 Wednesday 17th March

Years 8 and 9 Thursday 18th March

Step 2: Taking the test at home

Each pupil or student should take the test twice every week, on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. They should take their first test at home on the first Sunday that follows after their last test at school.

- If your son/daughter is aged 18 and over, they should do the test themselves, with help from you if they need it and report the result.
- If your daughter/son is aged 12-17, they should do the test themselves with adult supervision. The adult may help them to take the test if they need support.

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- If your son is aged 11, they must be tested by an adult and the adult must report the result.

A leaflet is supplied with the box of tests which contains information on how to take the test and report the results. [Help and support is available](#), including instructions in different languages on how to test and report the results and a video showing you how [to take the test](#).

Home testing does not replace symptomatic testing. If your child has symptoms they should self-isolate immediately, book a PCR test and follow national guidelines.

Step 3: Reporting the test result

The result of each test needs to be reported using the NHS Test & Trace self-report website. Click here to access it: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>.

Your son, daughter or you will also need to tell the school the result of each test by clicking this link. [Beechen Cliff Home Test reporting form](#)

Taking part in testing is voluntary and your daughter or son will be able to attend school whether they take part in testing or not. I am strongly encouraging them to take part and help reduce the spread of the virus in our community.

Please contact me as COVID Coordinator, if you have any questions or concerns about home testing. Please see the attached document for additional information about the home testing process.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CLT', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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