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Reporting COVID-19 Home Test Results

Why reporting your test result is as important as taking a test?

Reporting tests helps identify the amount of COVID-19 circulating in the college community. A clear picture of COVID-19 rates within the community cannot be gained unless tests are reported. Students should share results, whether void, positive or negative, to help with contact tracing. Reporting results helps the NHS monitor the spread of the virus, combat the virus and save lives. It also enables support to be given to communities across the UK.

Reporting testing will not lead to more school closures:

By reporting tests, students help identify community rates of infection or possible outbreaks to prevent further spread. It is important to report results so contact tracing can take place and clinical evaluation of the testing programme can be undertaken. Students should share positive results with the college so that immediate contact tracing can take place. Logging void and negative results helps monitor stocks of kits and identify any issues that might need escalating to DfE or NHS Test & Trace.

You can report test results from your mobile as well as online:

Results can be reported online at <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>. Recording all results helps understand the spread of the virus across the country. If we only record positive results, the level of COVID-19 cases will look worse than they really are. You can report by calling the phone number in your test kit's instructions or by calling 119 for free. It is useful to the College to monitor results by logging them on our monitoring platform at <https://testregister.co.uk/org>. If you have any issues accessing this site please contact the College.

Test and trace support payments are available to eligible parents who are asked to isolate as a result of their child's need to isolate:

Parents whose children are asked to self-isolate after contact with a positive case of COVID-19 are included in the Test and Trace Support Payment Scheme if they are unable to work as a result. The scheme, which provides a £500 payment to those on certain benefits or low incomes who are required to self-isolate, has been extended to the parents and carers of children who cannot work because their child or children are self-isolating. Parents/carers can apply via the local authority in



which they live to receive a payment and will need to either provide their child's NHS Test and Trace Account ID, or a communication from school informing them that their child needs to self-isolate.

To be eligible parents and carers must meet the following requirements:

- They are the parent or guardian of a child or young person in the same household and need to take time off work to care for them while they self-isolate. This is limited to one parent or guardian per household for the child or young person's self-isolation period
- They are employed or self-employed
- They cannot work from home while undertaking caring responsibilities and will lose income as a result.

Please continue to help us all by continuing to test twice a week, during both term time and over holiday periods and by logging these results online with Test and Trace and the College.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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