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Dear Parent / Carer

Lateral Flow Testing Over the May Half Term

Thank you for your continued support with Covid-19 home testing. Your child should continue testing and reporting results twice a week, at home, throughout the May half term school holiday and take a test before returning to school on Monday 7th June. You can find a video of how to administer the tests at the following site:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvaBZskxS7tzQYIVg7lwH5uxAD9UrSzGJ>

Reporting results

Recording all test results helps scientists stay ahead of the virus by spotting new outbreaks quickly and advising how to respond. Reporting results is easy.

Go to: [Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/report-a-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-test-result) Or call: 119 free from a mobile or landline. Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm. Support is offered in 200 languages as well as British Sign Language and Live Video Assistance.

All results should be reported, even if your child's result is negative or void.

You should also keep a note of and share your child's results with us, by completing the following form: <https://forms.gle/aM2BjSNbK31Q1piG9>

It is really important that you record all of your child's results, especially positive ones. Should the lateral flow device show a positive result, your child and your household bubble should self-isolate for 10 days and book a PCR test. All instructions on this will be sent to you should you report a positive test on the Government website. By completing the school form, we are able to keep track of who is testing and where there are positive cases we can quickly act upon it to ensure that there is no or minimal spread in the community. Each form is very quick to complete and should become part of your weekly routine

Universal Testing

The Government is encouraging all adults to participate in twice weekly testing to help stop the spread of coronavirus. You can order tests through the [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-tests) service.

Up to one in three people who have COVID-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading it without knowing. Maintaining a regular habit of testing twice a week, 3-4 days apart, will help stop the virus spreading and keep schools and colleges open to students and staff.

We thank you for your continued support and vigilance to help us cut down the spread of Covid-19 in our community.

Yours faithfully

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The Buckingham School is concerned that every student should have the opportunity to attend school activities/obtain equipment, regardless of their financial circumstances. As such, it may be possible to subsidise those students who would otherwise be unable to attend trips/purchase items. Please feel free to write in confidence to finance@buckinghamsschool.org, if you wish to seek assistance, or obtain more information about Pupil Premium funding.

