



# THE BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer

### Lateral Flow Tests

I would firstly like to express my thanks for your support so far with the 'in-school' Lateral Flow Covid-19 Testing. I am sure you are aware, with effect from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021, the next phase of student testing will move to taking place at home. This is the next step in keeping The Buckingham School and the wider community as safe as possible.

Along with the other protective measures we are taking, these tests will help staff and students to remain in school. Up to one-third of people who have Coronavirus experience no symptoms. By testing, we will help to stop the spread of the virus and help to keep our school open. The test is voluntary, but I would encourage everyone to take it.

We aim to issue all students with a set of 6 tests on Monday 15th March to take home. We would encourage students to test themselves twice a week, spaced 3-5 days apart. The results will need to be reported in two places:

- On the Gov.uk website (<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>)
- To school, by completing the following form: <https://forms.gle/aM2BjSNbK31Q1piG9>

It is really important that you record all of your child's results, especially positive cases. In the case of a positive Lateral Flow Test, your child and your household bubble will be required to self-isolate for 10 days and send off for a PCR test. All instructions on this will be sent to you when you report a positive test on the Government website. By completing the school form, we will be able to keep track of the testing process and where a positive result is recorded, it will enable us to take quick and immediate action to isolate anyone who may have come into contact with your child, to minimise the spread in the community. Each form is very quick to complete and should become part of your weekly routine.

You can find a video of how to administer the tests at the following site:

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

As a parent/carer of a secondary school student, you are also entitled to twice weekly Lateral Flow Testing. More information can be found on the Gov.uk website, or by clicking on this link: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>.

The results of these tests will only be tracked via Gov.uk and you do not need to report them to the school. However, if your test comes back positive, you and your family bubble will need to self-isolate. Should your child need to self-isolate please inform the school in the usual way, by contacting the absence line.

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

Should you have any questions regarding this process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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