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Dear Parents/Carers

Our home test kits are due to be distributed again to all students in school this week. Please remind your child not to open or tamper with the boxes as this could invalidate or contaminate the tests making them unfit for purpose.



We have now been supplied with different test kits that require **BOTH nasal cavities to be swabbed ONLY (No throat swab necessary)**. Also the result can be read after 15 minutes but no later than 30 minutes.

Before supporting your child with their new home test, it is recommended you all watch this video and read the instruction leaflet included in box:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dk3LLAD7ybk>

Testing is still recommended to be carried out twice a week, 3 to 4 days apart before coming into school. Each student will be given a box, in each box there are 7 tests, which should last them for 3 weeks.

The tests provided are only intended for use by the student they are signed out to, they are not to be used by anyone else in the household. If parents or carers would like access to asymptomatic testing, tests can be obtained through some workplaces, attending a community asymptomatic test site or collection from the nearest collection site, all information found here: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/getting-a-test/>

Please note anyone aged 11 must have the test administered by an adult and anyone 12-17 years old should be supervised by an adult but can swab themselves.

The results needs to be reported to school using this link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ul-3XKyde0aQbnzQmrXAuje9eVbC99NHrCaemN50jjZUQ0xPNIM5WjkxRVE4T0pMS0RMUVVVPnjBYVC4u>

If your child has a positive result, please also call the school on 01449 613541 option 1 to inform us.

If you experience an incident whilst testing at home, you should report it using the following routes.

Clinical issue (swab breaking in the mouth, bleeding, allergic reaction on using the kit etc.) If an incident like this has occurred, participants are advised to report it on <https://coronavirus-yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk> This is not for seeking immediate medical care. Medical care should be sought through the usual route of contacting 111 or 999.

Non-clinical issue for incidents occurring at home, participants are advised to report any issues (something damaged, or missing or difficult to use in the kit, unable to log result etc.) to 119.

Please also inform school on enquiries@stowhigh.com about any ongoing test-related problems, so that we can check if this is a wider issue across other users.

Asymptomatic testing is another tool to break transmission of Covid-19. Even if a negative result is obtained it should not be solely relied upon, all current restrictions still apply and should be maintained, Hands - Face – Space.

Any questions, concerns or further information please email enquiries@stowhigh.com in the first instance.

Kind regards



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