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11 March 2021

Dear Parents of Pupils in Year 8

SWBGS Student Home Testing Information

The School received the home testing kits for our pupils today. These are known as Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests.

These will be distributed via Tutor Groups tomorrow morning. Your son or daughter's Tutor will give out the kits and retain a note of distribution for our records. Pupils should write their names on the test box as soon as they receive them. Each test kit contains three tests, therefore each student will receive **TWO** boxes and an instruction leaflet.

Preliminary information

- If your son or daughter has had a positive covid test in the last 90 days please confirm that you have let us know, as they will not be required to take the home test until the 90 days are up. They will still be given home testing kits if this 90 day period comes to an end before the end of term, so that they can start testing when this period ends.
- If your son or daughter has been vaccinated they should please still do the home tests.

Home testing kits:

- Each kit will contain three tests. All the equipment that your son or daughter needs to conduct the test, and an individual step by step guide, will be included. Pupils should also watch the [video from Durham University](#) on how to process their swab.
- We suggest that pupils report their results via the website route as detailed on page 15 as this is the fastest route.
- Having taken the home test, please also complete the School's Google Form to log the test results. We must be informed via this form for both negative and positive test results. There are separate forms for each year group. [This is the link for Year 8.](#)
- If the test result is VOID, please ensure that your son or daughter retests immediately.

In the event of a positive test result

Following a positive LFD test at home, a confirmatory PCR test should be booked online or by calling 119. Whilst awaiting the PCR result, the pupil and their close contacts should self-isolate. If the PCR test is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test (at home only) and a child can return to school.

Report your results to NHS Test and Trace. They will provide you with further information on the next steps to take. Please also contact Matron to inform her. She may need to gather more information from you for contact tracing purposes.

All close contacts of a person testing positive must also start to self isolate. A close contact is someone who is living in the same household as someone with symptoms, or who has tested positive.

The following types of contact are also classified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive:

- Face-to-face contact, including being coughed on or a face-to-face conversation within 1 metre
- Being within 1 metre for 1 minute or longer without face-to-face contact
- Being within 2 metres for more than 15 minutes (either as a one-off contact or added up together over one day)
- Travelling in a small vehicle or a plane

When pupils need to conduct their first home LFD test

- If your son or daughter had their third on-site LFT at school on Wednesday 10 March or Thursday 11 March then they would conduct their first home test on Sunday 14 March in the evening (after 5pm). They should then continue to test every Wednesday evening and Sunday evening.
- If your son or daughter had their third on-site LFT at school on Friday 12 March then they would conduct their first home test on Wednesday 17 March in the evening (after 5 pm). They should then continue to test every Wednesday evening and Sunday evening.

Pupils should not share their test kits with family members: family members are able to collect their own or order online, if they are unable to access a site for collection.

Pupils will continue to be able to access Borlase@Home if they are isolating.

Yours faithfully

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