

# CITY OF DERBY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents / Carers

## RE: Home Testing for Coronavirus

I hope that you are all keeping safe and well.

I have been delighted that last week over 700 students received a lateral flow test in school. This is a phenomenal achievement and continues to keep the school environment safer.

I am also delighted that the school community are continuing to follow the social distancing guidelines which include wearing face coverings in school and following the hands, face, space philosophy.

Next week, when students receive their third lateral flow tests in school, we will give them their own home testing kits. Students completing the lateral flow tests at home will be another important part in reducing the spread of the coronavirus. The key pieces of information for parents/carers are: -

- Students will be expected to test themselves twice a week. I am suggesting on Sunday evening and Wednesday evening.
- Students will complete a nasal and throat swab as normal and then finish the testing process themselves.
- There will be guidance leaflet (attached) sent home with your child and there is also a video link on the school website at <https://www.cityofderbyacademy.org/information/covid-19/>
- If a student receives a positive lateral flow test result:-
  - Book your child in for a PCR test by phoning 119 or visiting the NHS website.
  - All members of the household are to self-isolate until the results of the PCR test come back.
  - When the PCR test results come back follow the advice of the NHS.
  - Inform the school of the positive lateral flow test result.


If your child has not been accessing the lateral flow tests in school, but would like to receive home testing kits, can you please contact the school.

In addition, if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Smith  
Proud Headteacher

# HOME TESTING GUIDANCE

- Watch the guidance video  
Step-by-step guide to COVID-19 self-testing at [www.cityofderbyacademy.org/information/covid-19/](http://www.cityofderbyacademy.org/information/covid-19/)
- Read the blue NHS step by step guide in the kit
- Do not eat or drink for 30 minutes before the test
  - Register the test result by:  
scanning the QR code on the test kit   
or calling 119  
or online at [www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result](http://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result)



## What happens if my test is positive?

- If you get a positive result, it means you are currently infected with coronavirus, you **MUST** register for a PCR test
- All members of the household will need to self-isolate until the NHS inform you of the results of the PCR test
- Please contact the school to let us know of any positive results on 01332 270450

