

25 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

At the start of the week, we completed our mass asymptomatic testing programme in school. Since schools reopened on 8 March, our team of trained Outwood Grange Academy staff have carried out 6,000 tests. This has been a significant challenge, but the team did an incredible job and delivered this programme with professionalism and compassion to all our students, who responded with real maturity and respect. From those tests, we have had 7 positive results and we know this has helped minimise the number of students self isolating and missing school.

All students who consented to be tested have received some home testing kits. These came in 3 boxes, with an instruction leaflet and each box contains 3 tests. If a student didn't collect their home testing kits, they can be collected from the Reception or the Student Information Desk (SID) office.

The government has asked that the home testing continues throughout the Easter holidays and into the summer term and students have enough tests for this and for the first week back, after the Easter holidays. Students are asked to:

- test twice a week at home from now on (all those who are able to)
- report results [online](#) as positive, negative or void. This information is critical in helping us to understand the prevalence of the virus across the country
- continue to test twice weekly over the Easter holidays
- test before returning to school for the summer term, either the night before, or morning of, the first day back, to find and isolate any positive cases.

As well as registering the result on the government website, all results should be recorded using the form on the school website. The link for this is here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf522A5RAXab-O1zQa4jk0-aaa5L\\_V4HaZAtJ\\_QQPBeYXGO2mQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf522A5RAXab-O1zQa4jk0-aaa5L_V4HaZAtJ_QQPBeYXGO2mQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Yours faithfully



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