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Dear Parent / Carer,

Up to one in three people who have COVID-19 can spread the virus without knowing because they have no symptoms. To reduce the spread of the virus, it is important to identify those individuals, so all schools were asked by the government to do this by carrying out 3 initial COVID tests. Following this, all students who have participated in the school-based testing will be provided with home test kits in order to continue testing at home twice weekly every 3-4 days apart. Students who have not participated in the school testing programme will not be provided with home test kits.

Testing students at home

Students whose parents / carers have provided consent will be provided with home test kits after their final test in school next week. We will give students a leaflet with instructions on how to do the test. This replaces any instructions inside the box containing the home test kits.

We would like students to take a test before coming into school on Monday and Friday mornings or if this is not possible then on Sunday and Thursday evenings.

You will need to tell us the result of each test by completing this [short online form](#) and you will also need to report the result of the test on the [NHS Test and Trace](#) website.

Tests are free of charge and students will receive tests with a leaflet on how to take the test and report the results.

Students should allow 30 minutes to get the test results plus the length of time it takes to carry out the test.

Taking the test

There is a useful video to show you how to take the test [here](#), however, students should now be familiar with the process. [Help and support is also available for parents / carers](#), including instructions in different languages on how to test and report the results.

There is no need to keep used test equipment after the test result has been reported and it can be put in your normal waste bin.

This does not replace symptomatic testing. If you have symptoms, you should self-isolate immediately, book a PCR test and follow [national guidelines on self-isolation and testing](#).

What should you do after the test?

If your child tests **positive then they, you, your household and any support bubbles you are part of** must self-isolate immediately in line with NHS Test and Trace guidance for 10 days.

You should then [order a PCR test to confirm this result](#) as you have carried out the test at home.

You MUST report a **POSITIVE** result immediately to both [NHS Test and Trace](#) and to us using covid@nsb.northants.sch.uk

When the PCR result is known you will need to let us know the result of this so that we can confirm with you whether your child must continue to self-isolate or may return to school. Please contact Main Reception on 01604 230240 in this instance.

If the result of the LFD test is **unclear (void)** you should do another test.

If the result of the LFD test **negative** this result must also be reported to both [NHS Test & Trace](#) and to us using our [short online form](#).

A negative result does not guarantee that you are not carrying the virus. So, you must continue to follow social distancing, and other measures to reduce transmission such as wearing a face mask and regularly washing your hands and observing social distancing.

You must report each test result.

Why take part?

Taking part in testing is voluntary and all students will be able to attend Northampton School *for Boys* whether they take part in testing or not.

We are however, strongly encouraging all students to take part. Testing at home will help allow your child and other students to attend NSB as safely as possible.

Please contact NSB reception if you have any questions or concerns about home testing.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr M J Edwards

Senior Deputy Headmaster