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Lord Derby Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

COVID-19 Testing Programme and Self-Test Kits

I am pleased to inform you that the COVID-19 Testing Programme for pupils on site is running very smoothly. Pupils are currently completing their second test and have shown a very mature approach towards this process.

After pupils have been tested on three occasions here at Lord Derby Academy, they will be able to test themselves at home. They will know how to self-swab having been shown how to do this procedure in school by trained staff. Please ensure that, before your child does their first test at home, you read the dark blue leaflet provided with the self-test kits as it gives you step by step instructions about:

- Setting up the test
- Taking a swab sample
- Processing the swab sample
- Reading and understanding the result

You can also watch a videoclip that will take you through the process by clicking on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9XR8RZxKNo&list=PLvaBZskxS7tzQYIVg7lwH5uxAD9UrSzGJ&index=2>

The self-test kits will be distributed to pupils after they have completed their third test. Pupils will receive two boxes of the test kits. There are three tests in each box. This is sufficient tests to last 3 weeks. Additional tests will be distributed during the first week back after the Easter holiday.

Pupils should test themselves twice a week, 3-4 days apart. This may be in the morning before going into school or in the evening. We recommend pupils self- test on a Wednesday and a Sunday, but this is their choice. **Results then need to be reported to both the school and to the NHS** - see the separate white flyer entitled "Covid -19 Home-testing" provided with the kits to see how to report results. Please note that once your child has collected their self-test kits, it is a requirement that you report the test result.

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If a pupil tests positive for COVID-19 they:

- must not come to school.
- must access a PCR test at a test centre on the same day or as soon as possible afterwards.
- must self-isolate for ten days if the PCR test result is positive and follow the guidance from the National Health Service Test and Trace; family members must also self-isolate.

I thank you for your continued support in this matter.

If you require any further information or support please do not hesitate to contact Deputy Headteacher Mrs Arnold via the office at office@lordderbyacademy.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

Victoria Gowan
Headteacher

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