



1 April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Covid-19 Testing and Reporting over the Easter Holiday

The government has asked that students continue with twice weekly self-testing at home using Lateral Flow Testing (LFT) kits throughout the Easter break and into next term. This week students will have been issued with more kits.

The process of registering and recording results of a test remain the same through the NHS website (full instructions in the blue booklet). Results should also be recorded with the school via <https://www.hayesbrook.kent.sch.uk/studentcovidresults>.

Should students receive a positive result during term time, we ask that you telephone the school immediately, however, a positive result within the first 48 hours of the Easter Holidays should be reported via our school mobile 07593 441933.

As explained in the instructions, if a test is positive students will need to isolate for 10 days and obtain a confirmatory PCR test. All close contacts will also need to self-isolate. In the event that the confirmatory PCR test comes back negative, the student will then be allowed to return to school and close contacts will no longer need to isolate. We will require suitable evidence to support a negative PCR test.

Before returning to school for the summer term, please ensure that your son/daughter carries out a test either the night before, or on the morning of the first day back, so that we can identify and isolate any positive cases. Please do encourage them to continue to test regularly to keep themselves and their school community safe.

Our local PCSO has asked us to remind students that while out of school and in the community they MUST abide by the government restrictions. They are still seeing large groups of students gathering in areas around the town, and when stopped and spoken to they are stating that they are in school social bubbles and have been together all day, we understand this is frustrating for them but we all have a part to play in our efforts to continuing on the pathway to coming out of this this Pandemic.

We wish you a restful Easter break.

Yours sincerely

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Head of School