

27th May 2021



Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Twice weekly COVID-19 testing at home during half term

Students who test themselves at home twice a week are required to continue the testing during half term. If your child requires more test kits, please ask them to inform reception on Friday. The results of these tests should be reported online as usual, even if your child's result is negative or void. This must be done via NHS Test & Trace (details within the instruction booklet) and via the link below to the school:

<https://forms.gle/DJFP7JaV8APJG6uQ9>

If your child develops symptoms of the coronavirus more than two days after being in school, we do not need to be informed. However, if your child develops symptoms of the virus within two days of being in school, please inform us using the above form.

Testing for parents, households and bubbles twice a week

A reminder that regular rapid testing is now also available for parents, their households and support or childcare bubbles. The government is encouraging all families to participate in twice-weekly testing to help stop the spread of the virus.

Parents and other adults in the household can access tests by:

- ordering tests online www.gov.uk/order-school-household-tests
- requesting an assisted test at work, if it is available
- attending a test site to be tested (where you will be able to see how to take the test) or pick up tests to do at home.

What if I have questions or if there is an incident at home?

The NHS, government and our school website provide plenty of information about COVID-19 and the testing requirements; if you have a specific question about how the testing will take place at St Michael's, please contact us on: contact@st-michaels.sandwell.sch.uk.

All of the key information about lateral flow home testing for students can also be found on the school website at <https://st-michaels.sandwell.sch.uk/home-lateral-testing-for-students/>

We continue to encourage everyone to take part in regular COVID-19 testing.

Yours faithfully,

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