



## MIDDLEWICH HIGH SCHOOL

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### **Update on twice weekly COVID-19 testing at home for students**

Dear parent/carer,

Your child should continue testing twice a week, at home, throughout the Easter school holidays. We will be sending home extra kits for Easter holiday during this week.

If your child were to test positive from Good Friday (Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April) until Easter Monday (Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April) you must inform school on [covidemergencies@middlewichhigh.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:covidemergencies@middlewichhigh.cheshire.sch.uk) so we can support the national track and trace system.

Lateral Flow Testing does not replace testing for those with symptoms. If you have symptoms you must self-isolate immediately, book a PCR test and follow national guidelines.

### **Reporting results**

It is really important that results of test are reported online straight away, even if your child's result is negative or void. It's easy to do at [www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result](http://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result).

Results can also be reported via telephone by calling 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm.

It is important to keep a note of your child's results and share with school through the completion of the online form, these reminders will continue to be sent during the Easter holidays.

### **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.

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

- Ordering tests online [www.gov.uk/order-school-household-tests](http://www.gov.uk/order-school-household-tests)
- Getting an assisted test at work, if it is available
- Attending a test site to get tested (where you will be able to see how to take the test) or pick up tests to do at home.

To find out more on school household testing visit Households and bubbles of pupils, students and staff of schools and colleges: get rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))

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

Yours faithfully,

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