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Turves Green Boys' School

Dear Parent/Carer

Lateral Flow Tests – Home Testing

Asymptomatic testing remains important in reducing the risk of transmission of infection within schools and continuing to take regular rapid tests will help you to identify infections early and reduce transmission.

Lateral flow test kits (containing seven tests) are available for your son to collect via the school shop in the morning and at break time. Current advice is that a test should be taken on a Sunday and Wednesday evening. Once completed, the result should be recorded via the following links:

https://forms.office.com/r/gKeuMiPG51 https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result

Anyone with a positive test result will need to:

- Inform the school
- self-isolate in line with the stay at home guidance (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-athome-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection)
- book a further test (a lab-based polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test) to confirm the result

Whilst awaiting the PCR result, the individual should continue to self-isolate. If the PCR test is taken within the 2 days following the positive LFD result, and is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test and your child can return to school, as long as they don't have COVID-19 symptoms.

Additional guidance, including a step-by-step guide on how to do a COVID-19 rapid throat and nose test at home and report the results can be accessed via: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/instructions-for-covid-19-self-test Rapid tests are only for people who do not have symptoms of COVID-19. At present, the advice from the Department of Education is that we will only be providing LFTs until the end of September. We will update you if there are any changes to this.

Yours faithfully

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