

Hayle Academy

March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move into round two of our testing programme, I wanted to contact you with regards to the arrangements for the move to home testing. As you know, all students have been invited to take part in testing, and around 90% of Hayle Academy students have accepted this offer. This is a fantastic response and will really support students safe return to lessons across this week. We have also today taken delivery of the home testing kits for distribution to students this week. As we move to home testing, parents and carers are invited to choose if they feel their child would benefit from a third test in school, prior to starting home testing. Many students have shown they are very confident having undertaken two rounds of test, and would be confident to move to home testing. Parents and carers will wish to balance the disruption to children's lessons that the third test will cause, with the reassurance of taking a third test in school. If you feel your child needs the third test, please book this with us using the link below, no later than 6pm on Tuesday 9th March. Students wishing to take the third test in school will then be allocated appointments from Thursday 11th March onwards. Only those students that we receive a booking for will be allocated a third test.

<https://forms.gle/8JAdJTh5gafX1K4F7>

Home tests will be distributed to students from Wednesday 10th March, starting with students in Years 7 and 11. Students in Years 9 and 10 will receive their kits on Thursday 11th March, and Year 8 students on Friday 9th March. All students will be issued a kit, which contains testing materials for the final three weeks of this half term. Please note that, as with the in school testing, home tests are not compulsory however we encourage as many students as possible to take part in the home testing, in order to support the health and safety of all students in school. Each kit has full instructions provided, and in addition, linked below is a video explaining how to undertake the test.

[How to do a COVID-19 Self Test \(rapid antigen test\) on Vimeo](#)

As well as student home tests, households with school age children are eligible to collect test kits for other household members, if you would like to take up this offer the link below will be of use. The nearest collection sites are Pool and Penzance.

<https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>



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As a reminder, the school and home tests are designed to detect asymptomatic cases. Where members of a household exhibit Covid symptoms, they should self-isolate and seek a PCR test through the NHS.

Once again, many thanks to all parents and carers for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,

Simon Horner
Head of School