

Hayle Academy

10th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you once again for your support with the in-school Covid testing and students return to school. The final year group undertaking testing, Year 8, have attended their appointments and will return to lessons on 11th March. This will mean that all students will be attending school from tomorrow.

Our testing focus will now move to home testing, with kits being distributed home, via students, from Thursday 11th March. All students will be provided with testing kits; it will be for students and parents/carers to agree their involvement in the home testing programme. We would encourage all students, alongside staff, to engage in the programme of twice weekly testing, as a key part of the measures to minimise the risk of Covid transmission in school. Below is a summary of key information regarding to home testing, and attached is a privacy notice relating to data protection for the testing information.

Our Covid Coordinator is Kathy Halsey, School Business and Operations Manager. Mrs Halsey will be in charge of managing the distribution of tests and coordinating testing results, as well as liaising with public health should there be any contact tracing requirements.

In a slight change to previous plans, home tests will be distributed to students in Years 7,9,10 and 11 on Thursday 11th March, and Year 8 students on Friday 12th March. All students will be issued two kits, 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. We do however 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](#)

You should report the results of the test online, or by phone, every time a test is taken, whether the result is positive, negative, or void. You should also share the results of the test with school. Links for reporting your test results are provided below.

Reporting to NHS Test and Trace - <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

Reporting to School - <https://forms.gle/4XMm97bMCTLSer88A>

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/>

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,

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