

Dear Parent,

I am conscious that many of our senior pupils will soon have exhausted their supply of lateral flow tests and will require additional testing kits. I have therefore arranged for a member of office staff to be available to distribute additional kits to pupils in S4-6 on Thursday 15th April to ensure that pupils have kits available in advance of our return to school on 19th April.

Pupils who require additional kits should collect them from the school office at the following times:

- Surnames A-D: Please arrive between 9.00am and 10.00am
- Surnames E-H: Please arrive between 10.00am and 11.00am
- Surnames J-M: Please arrive between 11.00am and 12.00pm
- Surnames N-P: Please arrive between 12.00pm and 1.00pm
- Surnames Q-T: Please arrive between 1.00pm and 2.00pm
- Surnames V-Z: Please arrive between 2.00pm and 3.00pm

Senior pupils who have not yet participated in the testing programme can still do so if they wish. I have pasted below the relevant information originally sent out in February.

Covid testing in schools:

The Scottish Government is working with local authorities and schools to put in place a testing programme for staff and senior phase pupils (S4-6) in order to identify asymptomatic individuals in school environments at the earliest possible opportunity. Testing is encouraged, but is not compulsory.

This [letter for parents](#) and [fact sheet](#) provided by NHS Test & Protect outlines the testing programme in more detail, and these [frequently asked questions](#) contain some useful additional information.

Please note in particular the following points:

- *Pupils who expect to be working entirely from home in the coming weeks should not participate in the scheme at this stage (i.e. pupils who are not required to complete internal assessments for SQA as part of the partial return on the 22nd February as described above).*
- *Participating pupils will be provided with three boxes, each containing three individual tests. This provides a total of 9 individual tests which will last approximately four and a half weeks.*
- *The kits are for home testing and tests should be undertaken twice per week at regular intervals (and ideally in the morning before attendance at school).*
- *Testing is **voluntary** and no one will be required to complete a test if they do not wish to, nor will pupils be prevented from attending school if they choose not to access testing through this scheme.*
- *Participants' test information is provided directly to NHS Test & Protect through the return portal.*
- *Testing should not be undertaken by anyone who has tested positive for Covid-19 with a PCR test in the past 90 days.*

Both you and your child should read the [privacy notice](#) provided by NHS Test & Protect, and the [consent form](#) that requires to be completed for each participating pupil. If you are happy for your child to participate in this scheme, you can submit your consent electronically by following this link: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKavf8QisLSFHnHNJzl-gCRhUM1JMREtRUzU4RIJGUUxFUUxTQzM1TjFXNC4u>

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