

15 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Rapid Lateral Flow Testing at Home starting Wednesday 17 March 2021

All students will be given LFD (Lateral Flow Device) kits after their final test in school this week, as we move forward with the government's plan for all students aged 11 and over to home test twice weekly. Mass testing in school will no longer be available. Please read the information guide sent home with your child about testing at home. There is also a copy attached to this email. You can also view the You Tube video on our website to show you how to take the test [Rapid Testing Video \(click here\)](#)

Anyone aged 11 must ensure the test is administered by an adult, and anyone aged 12-17 should be supervised by an adult but can swab themselves. It is a requirement for you to report the test result to BOTH the government and to South Axholme Academy. You can report the test result to the government using this link: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> .

To report to South Axholme Academy use this link:

[Link to Form to Record Results to School](#)

Unfortunately, you must report test results to both parties as the government do not share this information with us and we are not able to log results on your behalf.

Logging with the academy means that we can implement our own track and trace process to identify contacts and ask those impacted to self-isolate. Monitoring and tracking of results is a complex process and not something we can staff all day every day. As such we are asking that tests are taken on **Wednesday and Sunday evenings** and that results are logged as soon as possible and **no later than 7pm** on these days, to give us a reasonable chance of responding to any positive cases. **Testing should begin on Wednesday 17 March.**

If a home test is positive you must make arrangements to get a PCR Test at a testing centre to confirm the home test result.

To arrange a PCR test click [here](#).

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If the home test is positive, anyone who lives with you, and anyone in your support bubble, must self-isolate in accordance with current national and local guidance (which can be found at www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/) until a PCR test result is obtained. If the PCR test is negative, all involved can return to normal. If the PCR test is positive, a full 10 self-isolation period must be observed.

We have sent home two packs with three tests in each pack, this is enough to test up to and including Wednesday 31 March 2021, which will leave one test for use on Sunday 18 April, the day before the academy returns after the Easter holiday.

Home test kits sent out by South Axholme Academy are for the use of academy students only. If other family members wish to access home test kits, these can be obtained separately using this link:- [Home test kits for families](#)

Please note that South Axholme Academy cannot supply these kits directly.

We have also attached the Personal Data policy from the NHS which explains how this data will be used and processed [here](#).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Barlow', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr S Barlow
Principal