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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Lateral Flow Testing at Home

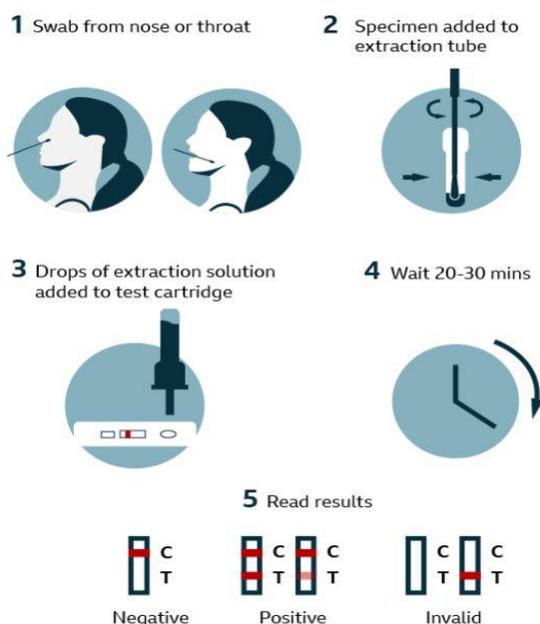
Students in school will soon each have taken three lateral flow tests since returning to school. This process has run very smoothly and I commend students on the positive way in which they have participated both with testing and wearing face masks in school.

As you are aware, future tests will be completed at home. For students under the age of 17, this should be under your supervision. We will shortly be providing your son/daughter with two boxes of COVID-19 Self-Test (Rapid Antigen Test) kits. These boxes each contain three lateral flow tests (extraction sachet, extraction tube, test strip, swab and waste bag). You will also receive an instruction booklet titled *Your Step-by-Step Guide for COVID-19 Self-Testing*. Please read this carefully, as community infection management is reliant on tests being correctly administered. Tests should not be administered within 30 minutes of eating or drinking.

A helpful video explaining how the test is performed can be found on the BBC health website at: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-56326456>

While test equipment may vary in appearance and packaging, the processing method is as described below. Although a result can be seen from 20 minutes after placing the sample solution on the test cartridge you must wait the full 30 minutes to be certain of the result.

How the rapid tests work



Source: Innova Medical Group

BBC



Please follow the instructions in the booklet to register test results with the NHS and help us to keep a separate record in school by completing the online form found at: www.arnewood.hants.sch.uk/covid-19

In the case of a positive test, students must not attend school. Please inform the school immediately by emailing covid@arnewood.hants.sch.uk. This is so that we can undertake contact tracing and protect others.

We will provide you with further kits as we are supplied with them from the NHS distribution network.

Thank you for your help in keeping everyone safe.

Yours faithfully

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