

**Re: IMPORTANT ACTION REQUIRED: Mass Testing and Home Testing Kits**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to provide further details on our arrangements for the mass onsite testing process and access to **home testing kits** for:

- Secondary school scholars
- Households, childcare and support bubbles of secondary-age scholars

A central pillar of our return to school plan is the use of testing for members of our community. This will allow us to identify any potential cases at the earliest possible point and minimise transmission. Information about our COVID-19 testing can be found [here](#). To support our COVID-19 safety plan, it is important that all parents provide consent for your child to be tested when they return to school. Please click [here](#) to complete the consent form. Thank you to all parents who have already provided consent.

**Mass Testing**

We have been asked to provide three onsite tests for each child spaced 3-5 days apart. An overview of when these tests will be is outlined below.

<b>Monday 8/3</b>	<b>Tuesday 9/3</b>	<b>Wednesday 10/3</b>	<b>Thursday 11/3</b>	<b>Friday 12/3</b>
<b>Year 11</b> arrive from 07:45-08:20 <b>Test 1</b>  <b>Year 10</b> arrive after lunch from 12:30-12:50 <b>Test 1</b>	<b>Year 9</b> arrive from 07:45-08:20 <b>Test 1</b>  <b>Year 8</b> arrive after lunch from 12:30-12:50 <b>Test 1</b>	<b>Year 7</b> arrive from 07:45-08:20 <b>Test 1</b>	<b>Year 10 &amp; 11</b> <b>Test 2</b>	<b>Year 8 &amp; 9</b> <b>Test 2</b>
<b>Monday 15/3</b>	<b>Tuesday 16/3</b>	<b>Wednesday 17/3</b>	<b>Thursday 18/3</b>	<b>Friday 19/3</b>
<b>Year 7</b> <b>Test 2</b>  <b>Year 11</b> <b>Test 3</b>	<b>Year 10</b> <b>Test 3</b>  <b>Year 9</b> <b>Test 3</b>	<b>Year 8</b> <b>Test 3</b>	<b>Year 7</b> <b>Test 3</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>

We anticipate the testing programme will impact some lesson time over the coming weeks but we aim to keep this to an absolute minimum. The testing centre is set up to accommodate one year group bubble at a time. Face masks will be worn at all times apart from the swabbing station. If your child tests positive you will be contacted and necessary safety measures will be put in place. Where possible, public transport must be avoided. You will be notified of this

result and receive further guidance on the next steps including any isolation period and how to access work for your child.

AGFS will retain its onsite testing facility for any scholar who is unable to administer the home test. Please email [coronavirus@arkgreenwich.org](mailto:coronavirus@arkgreenwich.org) should you need this provision.

### **Home Test Kits**

After scholars have undertaken their third test at school, testing takes place at home. Tests are fast, easy and free. Home test kits are self-administered and can either be collected or ordered online using the link [here](#). Home tests should be carried out twice weekly and 3-5 days apart. If your child is under 12 years old, a parent/carer needs to administer this test. If your child is over the age of 12, a parent/carer needs to supervise their child self-administering this test.

All results must be reported to 119 (free to mobiles and landlines), or [www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result](http://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result). When reporting test results, you are providing consent for this data to be captured by NHS Test and Trace. Only positive results need to be reported to the school by emailing [coronavirus@arkgreenwich.org](mailto:coronavirus@arkgreenwich.org) without delay. After a positive result is reported, a PCR test must be ordered [here](#) and isolation must begin immediately. If your PCR test comes back positive the scholar must continue to isolate, however, if the PCR test is negative, your isolation ends and the scholar returns to school as normal.

If you have any queries about the tests please call 119 (free to mobiles and landlines). Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing a face covering, and maintaining 2 metre distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. The risk assessment for the home asymptomatic testing process is [here](#).

If you have any further questions about the mass onsite testing or homplease contact [info@arkgreenwich.org](mailto:info@arkgreenwich.org) and a member of staff will be in touch.

Yours sincerely,



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