



# HEANOR GATE SCIENCE COLLEGE

“Develop all learners to achieve their full potential”  
“Create a culture of aspiration”

Principal: **Mr S Huntington**



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Dear Parent/Carer

As referenced in our communication last week, I am writing to give you further details around the plans for COVID-19 home testing for students. By the end of this week, all students will have had 3 lateral flow tests in school. The staff involved in supporting the students with their tests have been phenomenal and the students have been fantastic in their approach to testing, clearly recognising that the testing programme is allowing us all to return to school safely. I would also like to thank you for your support in this vital process.

After this week, we will be asking that students carry out **two lateral flow tests at home each week** in line with the current expectations for staff. Students should now feel more comfortable in taking these tests but it is important that they are supervised as much as possible during the process. This is particularly important for any children under the age of 12 as government guidance states that 11 year olds who test at home must have the test administered by an adult.

The students will be bringing 2 packs of rapid test kits home on Friday 19 March, each containing 3 tests (so 6 in total). Please ensure that they have a school bag with them on Friday so that they can bring their tests home safely. We are asking that you then follow the timetable below to test over the coming weeks, ensuring that the tests are carried out after 5pm on each of the specified dates.

Test Number	Date
1	Sunday 21 March
2	Wednesday 24 March
3	Sunday 28 March
4	Wednesday 31 March
5	Sunday 4 April
6	Wednesday 7 April

We will then be sending students home with a further 2 packs of kits prior to the Easter break so that they can continue to test throughout the holiday.

There are detailed instructions on how to take the tests in a leaflet issued with the kits (please note that the separate leaflet given to the students should replace the leaflet inside the test boxes as these are now outdated)

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The video link below walks the students through the testing process. The students will have the opportunity to watch this in school but you may also want to familiarise yourself with the process.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cAPBqtAWpDeefiKzzWUWY6Kbdd4a0NOD/view?usp=sharing>

There is an expectation from the NHS and the DFE that the test results are reported promptly. Following each test, it is important that the results are reported in **two** ways.

**1. To the NHS:** Follow this link - <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

There is some key information to complete before reporting if the result is positive, negative or void.

**2. To the school:** You can either scan the QR code on the front of the test kit box or follow this link. It is essential that you spell your child's name correctly and consistently each time you input a result.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScBvL05MPZkUx5M63wGNxmZWLBX19dXDvwlFvFW\\_kWlQuP80w/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScBvL05MPZkUx5M63wGNxmZWLBX19dXDvwlFvFW_kWlQuP80w/viewform?usp=sf_link)

It is imperative that you make the school aware of your child's results so that we are fully informed of the global picture across year groups. As I am sure you will appreciate, our time is very stretched at the moment and staff really can't afford to be spending time making phone calls to chase up results.

"New analysis of community testing data shows lateral flow tests to have a specificity of at least 99.9%". However, as per the government guidance, if at any point a positive result is recorded it is vital that your child then goes for a confirmatory PCR test and that self-isolation guidelines are followed until the outcome of the test is known. Guidance on booking a PCR test can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Once again, thank you for your support with the testing programme. We are aware that this will be an unusual experience for many of you but with your continued support, we will ensure that our community remains safe.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with your child's Achievement Leader or Assistant Achievement Leader.

Yours sincerely



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