



THE WHITSTABLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Asymptomatic Testing for Covid 19

As you may have heard, as a school we are required to offer all pupils **three** in-school Lateral Flow Tests before moving to a system where pupils can test themselves at home. Lateral Flow Tests are self-administered tests for Covid19 which can be undertaken in school and give results within 30 minutes.

To allow the school to carry out Lateral Flow Testing we will require parental consent. Although these tests are not compulsory, we would encourage as many pupils to be tested as possible.

In order to consent for Lateral Flow testing in school and to register for home testing kits as they become available, please complete the Google form [here](#) by **Tuesday 2nd March at midday**. Pupils and students over 16 who are able to provide informed consent can complete this form themselves, having discussed participation with their parent or guardian if they are under 18.

Once submitted you will be contacted with the relevant testing details, dates and times for your child(ren). To avoid disruption to learning, these tests will take place outside of normal school hours.

If a positive result is indicated, parents will be required to arrange for a laboratory test using the normal arrangements and the pupil will need to isolate until the result is known.
(<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or phoning 119).

If your child would like to know more about Lateral Flow Tests, there is a useful article here:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/56169087>

If you have any questions please contact me dave.chaplin@swale.at

On Monday you will receive a letter giving further detail about the wider school reopening.

Yours faithfully

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