



Rossett School

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Dear Parent/Carer

The Government information tells us that up to one in three people who have COVID-19 can spread the virus without knowing; this is because they have no apparent symptoms. To reduce the spread of the virus, there is a need to identify these individuals. We can support this at Rossett by carrying out tests at home twice every week, 3-4 days apart.

The Government has recently announced that all secondary-aged students will be offered [tests](#) to make the return to school safer for everyone in the local community.

Testing students at home

Home test kits will be distributed to our students and we would like them to take one test each Sunday evening and one test each Wednesday evening starting from Sunday 21 March 2021. We have been advised that students should continue this practice and reporting during the Easter holidays to ensure a safe return.

Tests are free of charge and students will receive two boxes with three tests in each box together with a leaflet on how to take the test and report the results. Please note that the booklet in the test box has been updated and should be disposed of. There is also a useful video to show you how to take the test [here](#).

The results should be reported to [NHS Test and Trace](#) and to the school by following this link: <https://rossett.school/studentcovidreport> and logging in with your child's Username and Password (please repeat this process for each child). **Please report results to us before the start of the next school day** in order that we can respond to any positive case by making the necessary arrangements for students in a timely fashion.

There is no need to keep used test equipment after the test result has been reported. You can put it in your normal bin (household waste).

Please note, this home testing **does not replace symptomatic testing**. If you have symptoms, you should self-isolate immediately, book a [PCR test](#) and follow national guidelines.

Help and [support](#) is available, including instructions in different languages on how to test and report the results, and a video showing you how to take the test.

What should you do after the test?

If anyone tests **positive you, your household, any support bubbles you are part of** should self-isolate immediately in line with NHS Test and Trace guidance for 10 days.

You should order a confirmatory [PCR test](#) if you are testing at home.

If the result of the test is **unclear (void)** you should do another test straight away.

Negative and void results should also be reported to both [NHS Test & Trace](#) and the [school](#).

A negative result does not guarantee that you are not carrying the virus. So, you should continue to follow social distancing, and other measures to reduce transmission such as wearing a face covering and regularly washing your hands and observing social distancing.

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If you or anyone in your household gets symptoms of the virus you should follow [national guidelines on self-isolation and testing](#).

You need to report each test result.

Taking part in testing is voluntary and all students will be able to attend Rossett whether they take part in testing or not. However, I am strongly encouraging all students to take part. Testing at home will allow your child and other students to attend school as safely as possible.

Please contact Mr Royles at droyles@rossettschool.co.uk if you have any questions or concerns about home testing.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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