

Dear Parents / Carers,

13 September 2021

COVID-19 Update

Home Testing

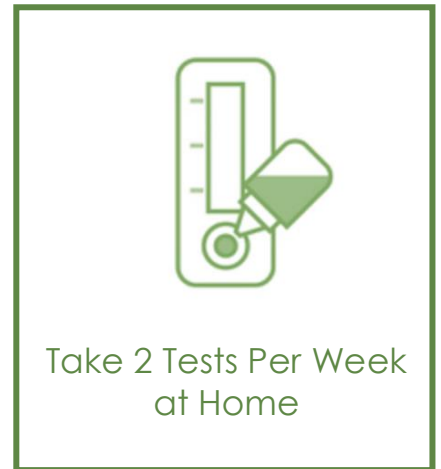
Please remind and support your child to take Lateral Flow Tests (LFT), two times per week, at home before school.

The results of the test should be reported to the government at

<http://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

If your child tests positive, please complete the online COVID Report form at www.stmarksacademy.com or call Miss Drewitt on 020 8648 6627 to let the school know.

If your child tests positive, they will need to self-isolate and take a PCR test within 48 hours. They can return to school if the result is negative. If positive, they should self-isolate following guidance given by test and trace.



Managing COVID-19 Cases

Our priority, throughout this academic year, is to maximise the teaching of students in face-to-face lessons. In order to ensure this happens, it may be necessary to reintroduce certain COVID-safe measures, such as: wearing face masks; increased social distancing; on site COVID testing; and/or teaching certain groups in bubbles. When doing so we will aim to put the minimum necessary measures in place to protect our students and communicate any changes effectively with our community.

Close Contacts

Close contacts only need to self-isolate if told to do so by Track and Trace.

People **do not** need to self-isolate if they are:

- fully Vaccinated (Two vaccinations)
- below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- currently taking part in, or have taken part in, an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Yours faithfully,
Mr C Currie
Academy Business Director

Key Reminders

The following steps can help students to stay safe and prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus:



Principal Hannah Fahey

