



29<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and carers,

Re: Home Testing for all students throughout the Easter break

From today, all students will now be allocated a second home self testing kit. Schools have been advised to allocate a second test kit to students to ensure they have sufficient testing materials to continue to test throughout the Easter break.

The kit pack is for **your child only** and must not be used to test other family/household members. The Government (GOV.UK) has released information for households to receive/collect their own lateral flow home test kits- you can find out further information regarding this :- [HERE](#)

The student home kit pack contains the simple swab tests using a lateral flow device test (LFD/LFT), and it takes around 30 minutes to find out if your child has the virus.

*The lateral flow test detects viral proteins that are present when someone has Covid-19. Research from Public Health England and Oxford University shows that they pick up the vast majority of people in the most infectious stage of the disease. With up to 1 in 3 people who have the virus showing no symptoms- they could be spreading it without knowing.*

Testing should take place twice a week, every 3-5 days. You must record your result (Negative, Void or Positive) by either calling 119 or on-line: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>.

If your child has a **positive** result from their home test kit, please ensure you contact the school [covid@arkalexandra.org](mailto:covid@arkalexandra.org) so that we can take the necessary protocol to initiate 'close contact'. You must also ensure you have recorded your result via the NHS test and trace system <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>. or by calling 119.

During the Easter break, should your child show symptoms of COVID, please ensure you have a confirmatory PCR test and advise us ([covid@arkalexandra.org](mailto:covid@arkalexandra.org)) if this gives a positive result so that we can take the necessary protocol to initiate 'close contact'.

[Order a test for people with symptoms](#) online or call 119.

As a reminder; further information and instruction guidance in home rapid testing, please see the following link on the school website; <https://arkalexandra.org/faq#selftest>

*Scroll down to the 'How to perform the COVID-19 self test'*

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us; [info@arkalexandra.org](mailto:info@arkalexandra.org).

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Liam Collins'.

Liam Collins, Principal

Principal: Mr L Collins  
Network Associate Principal: Mr J Scafe