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Dear Parents and Carers

Remote Learning Provision Feedback and Covid-19 Testing Update

Trust Survey

The Trust would like your feedback on the College's remote learning provision and return to school procedure. Please complete a short survey which is available here:

<https://forms.gle/2jsCXTE6v7tW9RZg8>

Covid-19 Testing at Home

Firstly, I want to report that the students who have taken part in the lateral flow tests at College have been great. Our staff have been very impressed with their attitude and response to this slightly uncomfortable process.

Any students who have completed three supervised tests in College will shortly be moving to twice weekly rapid COVID-19 testing at home.

We will be sending home COVID-19 testing kits with your child on the day that they complete their third test in College. Please make sure your child completes a test **twice a week 3-5 days apart. A good pattern to follow, which we have recommended to staff, is Sunday evening and Wednesday evening.**

Your child should also **continue testing twice a week, at home, throughout the Easter school holidays.** We will be sending home extra kits for the Easter holiday before term ends.

If your child has not been tested at College yet, and you want to have the option of receiving home testing kits, please get in touch with us so that we can arrange for them to be tested in College, prior to them receiving a home testing kit.

This does not replace testing for those with Covid-19 symptoms. If you have any Covid-19 symptoms you must self-isolate immediately, book a PCR test and follow national guidelines.

Reporting Results

It is really important that results of tests are reported online straight away, even if your child's result is negative or void. It is easy to do at www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result. Results can also be reported via telephone by calling 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm.

It is important to keep a note of your child's results. If your child's test is positive, please inform the College as soon as possible by phoning 01326 572685. If the result arrives over the weekend or during a school holiday please email absence@helston.cornwall.sch.uk.

Testing for Parents, Households and Bubbles Twice a Week

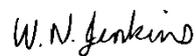
A reminder that regular rapid testing is now also available for parents, their households and support or childcare bubbles. The government is encouraging all families to participate in twice weekly testing to help stop the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

Parents and other adults in the household can access tests by:

- Ordering tests online www.gov.uk/order-school-household-tests
- Getting an assisted test at work, if it is available
- Attending a test site to get tested (where you will be able to see how to take the test) or pick up tests to do at home.

To find out more on school household testing visit [Households and bubbles of pupils, students and staff of schools and colleges: get rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/households-and-bubbles-of-pupils-students-and-staff-of-schools-and-colleges-get-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)

Yours sincerely



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