



# St Martin-in-the-Fields High School for Girls

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Dear Families

Welcome back to St Martin's. I hope this letter finds you well.

Our school Asymptomatic Testing Site has been staffed with an experienced team of test operatives, this has enabled the testing programme to run smoothly and efficiently. We are halfway through testing students with consent. Once they have had three on-site tests, students will be given kits to test themselves at home, twice every week, 3-4 days apart. We will begin giving test kits out on Tuesday 16 March 2021.

## Testing students at home

Students will be able to collect home test kits from the School Test Site on the day of their third test.

We would like them to take their tests before school on the same days they had their school tests.

Tests are free of charge. Students will receive a pack of 3 tests (2 packs) or 7 tests in a box with a leaflet on how to take the test and report the results.

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## Taking the test

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[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.

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

This does not replace symptomatic testing. If your child has symptoms, they should self-isolate immediately, book a PCR test and follow national guidelines.

## What should you do after the test?

A positive test result means, your child, 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](#) for your child as they are testing at home (confirmatory PCR tests are not needed if the test was conducted at the Asymptomatic Test Site at school).

If the result of the test is unclear (void) your child should do another test.

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

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

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

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**You need to report each test result**

The result of each test needs to be reported using the NHS Test & Trace self-report website: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>.

You will also need to tell the school your child's result of each test by emailing their name, tutor group and result either negative, positive or void to [covid@stmartins.academy](mailto:covid@stmartins.academy) or fill in the easy to use google form [here](#). This can also be found on [our website](#).

You will also need to report the result to [NHS Test and Trace](#)

**Why take part**

Taking part in testing is voluntary and all students will be able to attend school whether they take part in testing or not.

We are 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 Mrs Jo Goldsmith our COVID Coordinator, if you have any questions or concerns about home testing.

Thank you for your support.



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