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Dear Parent/Carers,

Home testing for Covid-19

Now that the students have completed their onsite Covid-19 lateral flow tests, we are asking that they continue to test themselves at home. During their second onsite tests students have been given two packs of home-testing kits to bring home. If your child has not brought these home, or they were unable to attend their second onsite test at the Academy, home-test kits are available for collection from the Academy reception.

If you or your child are new to home testing, there is a very useful video which talks through the home testing process. This can be found on YouTube: https://youtu.be/S9XR8RZxKNo

Your child's home test will need to be carried out twice a week, ideally on a Monday and a Thursday morning. However, we appreciate that first thing in the morning can be a difficult time to carry out these tests, so please complete the tests on a Sunday and Wednesday evening each week if this is easier for you.

When you have completed the home test, you will need to report the results to both the NHS and the Academy. The instructions on how to report the test to the NHS are within the instruction booklet; this is easy to do via the NHS Test and Trace Self-report website Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk). To report your test to the Academy, please complete the web form on the Academy website The Bourne Academy - Report Your Test Result.

If your child tests positive please call the Academy to report this and DO NOT come into the Academy. If your child tests positive you will need to get the result confirmed by booking a PCR test at a local testing centre.

Attached to this email is a privacy notice, which details how your child's information will be used for the home testing. If you have any issues, or would prefer the Academy to continue testing your child onsite twice a week, please contact covid19@thebourneacademy.com

Kind regards

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