

Friday 10 September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

In line with national and local guidelines, Dixons Broadgreen Academy pupils will be offered regular asymptomatic Lateral Flow COVID-19 tests to take home. Please note, there is no requirement to provide consent to school for testing at home, consent is given at the point of testing by the individual or under the supervision of a guardian. Tests have gone home with the students today.

Up to one in three people who have COVID-19 can spread the virus without knowing. This is because they have no symptoms. To reduce the spread of the virus, we need to identify those individuals. We can do this in schools by providing home testing kits to enable testing at home to be completed twice every week.

### Testing at home

We understand that each pupil has individual needs. Many of our pupils will have adapted to testing becoming part of their routine, others will find it more challenging. Taking part in testing is voluntary and all pupils will be able to attend school whether they take part in testing or not.

The school will provide kits once a week. Pupils who wish to test at home will receive a pack of 3 tests in a box with a leaflet on how to take the test and report the results. If a test produces a negative result, there is no legal obligation to report the results. If the test produces a positive result, the pupil should isolate, obtain a PCR test and produce proof of a negative result before returning to school. A positive result must be reported using the NHS Test & Trace self-report website: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>. Parents/carers will also need to inform the school of any positive test by email to [testing@bgis.co.uk](mailto:testing@bgis.co.uk). Please include the name of your child, their year group. If Dixons Broadgreen Academy receive notification of a child with a positive test, we will respond accordingly via our school track and trace system.

I am strongly encouraging all students to participate in our home testing programme to help support the national guidelines to safeguard all.

Please contact [stully@bgis.co.uk](mailto:stully@bgis.co.uk), our COVID Coordinator, if you have any questions or concerns about home testing. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R Fidler  
Principal

