



Ms Sue Lovecy, Head of School

Dear parent/carer of secondary students,

Thank you to everyone, students, staff and parents who have supported the testing in school and helped to make it run as smoothly as it has. We are now starting to give out the home testing kits to students. Year 10 have received their kits yesterday. Today year 7 will get theirs and the rest of the secondary students on Friday. I have explained how to use the kits in assembly and there is a booklet in every kit. If you have any issues doing the tests at home, please contact us and we try to help.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/understanding-lateral-flow-antigen-testing-for-people-without-symptoms>

If the test is negative you will need to register the test at www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result. The first time you register you will need to put in some contact details and after that you will simply register the test to your account.

If the test is positive you also need to register it at the same website, but you will also need to inform school at reception@stmartins3-16.org and sue.lovecy@stmartins3-16.org. It is vital that I know as soon as possible so that I can identify other students who have been in contact and ask them to remain at home. You will also be advised by NHS Track and Trace about you and your household needing to self isolate.

If the test is positive you must now book a **PCR test** at www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test Please inform school as soon as you receive this result. If it is positive everyone who has had close contact with your child in school will need to self-isolate for 10 days from the test. If it is negative everyone can return to school.

These tests will help pick up asymptomatic cases that might go undetected and fingers crossed keep schools open for all pupils. The more people that are tested, the safer everyone will be and it will be more likely that students will not have to work from home and schools will return to normal by the end of the year.

Students should do the self- test twice a week, on a Sunday before returning to school and on a Wednesday evening. Year 10 have been asked to test last night.

Thank you again for all of your support

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