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TO ALL PARENT/CARERS

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Home testing kit for secondary age pupils at Archers Brook School**

Thank you for continuing to work with us to keep as safe as possible and where you have given consent for participating in the lateral flow tests in School.

It is recognised that for some pupils attending special schools, testing, or testing at home will not be possible or appropriate.

Ian Ashworth, Director of Public Health has asked that schools update their families about this important matter. His letter is available on our website.

At Archers Brook School we have taken the view that we will provide home test kits if you as parents decide you would like your child to take part in home testing. If you do you make this decision you should alert school and we will allocate you with a home test kit. If you home test you we would like parents/carers of our secondary school age pupils (11-17) to support their children by ensuring the testing process is completed correctly and results are accurately reported into the national results system. You will be supported to do this with written guidance and a YouTube video. From this information you will see that it is extremely important that pupils clean the area before they swab, wash their hands between stages, swab the correct location and process the swab correctly before then waiting the correct amount of time for the result to develop.

However, we are aware that currently this only applies to a small number of families and that everyone else wishes to continue to access on site school for testing. Therefore for all of those pupils our onsite facility for twice weekly testing will remain available.

By supporting your children to complete the testing twice a week at home or in school you will be playing a significant role in helping schools remain open to face-to-face teaching.

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It is important though that you and your children continue to follow national guidance even if you do get a negative result. You should still:

- Maintain two metre social distancing from anyone outside of your household where possible
- Wear a face covering when entering public indoor buildings and travelling on public transport
- Wash your hands regularly with soap and warm water or hand sanitiser
- Self-isolate with your household and get a PCR test if you develop symptoms of COVID-19 – even if your home test was negative
- Self-isolate for 10 days if you are a contact of a confirmed case

For the most up-to-date information about COVID-19 please visit <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/>

Yours sincerely

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