



15<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent and Carers,

### **Update on twice weekly COVID-19 testing at home for students**

Thank you to everyone who gave consent for their child to take part in our mass-testing programme; this has been extremely well supported with around 98% of students completing the tests. The first two in school tests have taken place and the third is planned for Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

Once the third in school test is completed the programme moves to home testing. The home testing kits have arrived in school and will be issued at the point of the third in school test. Please make sure your child tests themselves **twice a week 3-5 days apart, in the morning before school if possible and, if not, the evening before.**

Your child should also **continue testing twice a week, at home, throughout the Easter school holidays.** We will be sending home extra kits for Easter holiday before term ends.

This does not replace testing for those with symptoms. If you have symptoms you must self-isolate immediately, book a PCR test and follow national guidelines.

### **Reporting results**

It is really important that results of tests are reported online straight away, even if your child's result is negative or void. It's easy to do at [www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result](http://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result).

Results can also be reported via telephone by calling 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm.

If your child gets a positive result from this lateral-flow test (LFT) please let the school know immediately either via phone (before or during the school day) or email (evening) [office@stclementshigh.org.uk](mailto:office@stclementshigh.org.uk). If you send an email, we will contact you as soon as possible.

### **Government information regarding Testing for parents, households and bubbles twice a week**

A reminder that regular rapid testing is now also available for parents, their households and support or childcare bubbles. The government is encouraging all families to participate in twice weekly testing to help stop the spread.

Parents and other adults in the household can access tests by:

- Ordering tests online [www.gov.uk/order-school-household-tests](http://www.gov.uk/order-school-household-tests)
- Getting an assisted test at work, if it is available
- Attending a test site to get tested (where you will be able to see how to take the test) or pick up tests to do at home.

To find out more on school household testing visit [Households and bubbles of pupils, students and staff of schools and colleges: get rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/households-and-bubbles-of-pupils-students-and-staff-of-schools-and-colleges-get-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)

Thank you for taking the time to complete regular testing with your child, and in so doing, help keep the family and community safer.

If you have any further questions, please email [office@stclementshigh.org.uk](mailto:office@stclementshigh.org.uk)

Yours faithfully,



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