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Dear Parent/Carer

The School would like to thank everyone who was involved in Heston Community School's Lateral Flow Testing. 97% of eligible students completed the three tests – significantly above the national rate. The level of cooperation from the student body was outstanding. We have every confidence our students have been well-prepared to conduct the test independently at home.

Each student has received two boxes containing a total of six Lateral Flow tests and instructions on their use. **It is a legal requirement to report all test results to the NHS and any which are positive to the School.**

Every child should conduct a test on Sunday and Wednesday evenings, during term time. The guidance suggests that children aged 11 should conduct the test with support of a parent. If your child has had COVID-19 in the last 90 days the Lateral Flow test is not appropriate, however they have still been issued with kits. The following link provides a short video explaining how to conduct the test:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9XR8RZxKNo>

All parents and carers can now collect up to 14 Lateral Flow Tests, free of charge, from local test centres. The site closest to Heston offering this service is Heston Library. By testing regularly, even though you feel fine, you will be helping to fight COVID and protect your family.

Testing will help protect your family alongside other COVID control measures:

- following all lockdown restrictions
- wearing a face covering
- following social distancing rules
- washing hands often.

We continue to urge all parents and students to self-isolate and not come to School, if in the last 10 days they:

- have coronavirus symptoms or have tested positive
- live with someone who has symptoms or has tested positive
- are a close contact of someone who has tested positive.

Thank you for your continued support; we will endeavour to provide you with updates as and when they become available.

Yours faithfully

M O'Hagan
Deputy Headteacher