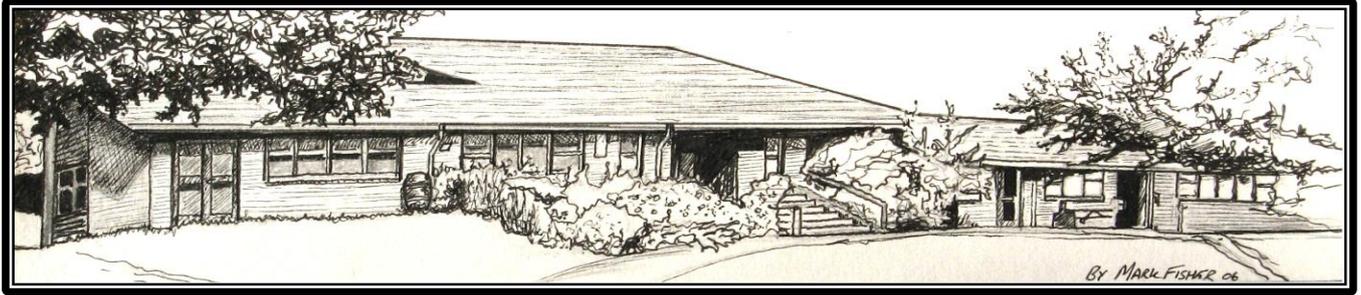


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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Rapid Lateral Flow Testing for Households and Bubbles of School Pupils and Staff

I am writing to let you know about a new initiative that has been launched this week to support with the spread of coronavirus with children returning to school on Monday. It is estimated that about 1 in 3 people with coronavirus do not have symptoms but can still pass it on to others. A way to try and prevent this from happening and to limit the spread of the virus is through asymptomatic testing using lateral flow devices.

Staff of primary and secondary school pupils and colleges have been doing asymptomatic testing to try and limit the spread of the virus in schools, but the Government, has this week announced that they are extending asymptomatic testing to households, childcare and support bubbles of primary and secondary-age pupils and college students.

This means that all parents and carers at our school can test twice weekly at home using a lateral flow device which can be collected from a local test site. If as many of us as possible take up this offer then this adds another layer of protection to our school, as we will be limiting the spread of the virus from people who maybe have the virus but are asymptomatic.

Please note that primary school pupils are not being asked to test.

If you wish to find out more about this new initiative to try and limit the spread of the virus then more details can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

If you wish to test at home please note that we are not able to provide you with tests however you can go to a local test site and collect two packs of home test kits each containing 7 tests to administer at home twice a week. Anyone 18 or over can collect. You can also order home test kits online, but this should only be done if you cannot physically visit a test site.

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The nearest local test sites are:

Location:	Ore Valley Campus	Bexhill	Hailsham
Address:	Ore Valley Campus East Sussex College Hastings TN34 3FN	1-7 Wainright Road Bexhill East Sussex TN39 3UR	South Road Car park South Road Hailsham BN27 2AU
Opening Times:	1:30 pm to 7:00 pm	1:30 pm to 7:00 pm	1:00 pm to 8:00 pm

As lockdown restrictions ease, I hope that we can all do our part to help protect each other, limit the spread of the virus and unlock at each stage of the road map at the planned time so that we can once again see friends and family and return to normal.

I hope that you find this information useful and look forward to welcoming all the children back to school on Monday.

Yours faithfully



Mrs. C Harvey
Headteacher