



Ark Elvin Academy

19th March 2021

Re: Home Test Kits

Dear Parent/Carer

Up to one in three people who have COVID-19 can spread the virus without knowing. This is because they have no symptoms. To reduce the spread of the virus, we need to identify those individuals by carrying out tests at home twice every week.

Testing students at home

Over the course of the next week, pupils who have consented to a covid test in school will be given their first pack of home test kits.

Ideally, a test would be done in the morning before going into school (Monday and Thursday mornings). However, we understand that for some people this may be challenging, therefore, tests can be taken in the evening (Sunday and Wednesday). Please note that you require 30 minutes for an accurate test result.

Pupils aged 11 and under will need an adult to supervise their test.

Reporting your result

You will need to inform the government and the school of your results. Use the links below

Link to inform the government	https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result
Link to inform the school	Ark Elvin Covid Results Form

How to take the test

Resources on home testing have also been shared with pupils during form time. They will be given a leaflet with instructions on how to do the test. Below is a list of useful resources.

[Video – How to take the covid test](#)

[Help and support in different languages](#)

There is no need to keep used test equipment after the test result has been reported. You can put it in your normal bin.

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This does not replace the test you would do at an official NHS test centre (PCR Test). If you have symptoms, you should self-isolate immediately, book a [PCR test](#) and follow [national guidelines](#).

[Click here if you need to book a PCR test](#)

What should you do after the test?

Please report your result using the following links

Link to inform the government	https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result
Link to inform the school	Ark Elvin Covid Results Form

If anyone tests **positive in your household**, you should self-isolate immediately for 10 days. You should then [book a PCR test](#).

If the result of the test is **unclear (void)** you should do another test.

Why take part?

We are strongly encouraging all pupils to take part as this will allow your child and other pupils to attend school as safely as possible. If you have not consented for your child to have a covid test in school but would like them to test at home, please inform Alice Cellan-Jones at a.cellan-jones@arkelvinacademy.org.

Testing should also be completed over the Easter period. Pupils will receive another supply of home test kits.

Please contact Ms Brooks (l.brooks@arkelvinacademy.org), our COVID Coordinator, if you have any questions or concerns about home testing.

Please read the [key information and privacy notice](#) to understand data protection for testing

Thank you for your support.

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