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Dear Parent/Carer

As you may know the Rapid Flow testing carried out in schools is coming to an end and schools have been advised to provide the option for home testing. This will be the case for all students.

The Rapid Flow Testing Home Kits will allow all members of the school community to be tested at home and will help in identifying those who are carrying the virus asymptotically. Whilst testing at home is not compulsory, it is strongly recommended by the government, the NHS and indeed school.

We would suggest that testing should be done twice a week and recommend a Sunday and Wednesday evening. If the test is positive, your son will need to isolate and follow the government guidelines found in the documentation received with the test. You will need to record the test results here: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> whether they be negative, positive or void test results. **You should also notify the school of any positive test results.**

Although it is not compulsory, all pupils will be issued with home test kits today, Friday, 26th March. If your child is absent there will be a collection point in the main school reception for the Test at Home Kits from Monday, 29th March until Wednesday, 31st between 9:00am and 2:00pm. We would recommend that an adult supervises the testing procedure for anyone under 17 years of age.

An instructional video on how to perform the testing at home can be found here: <https://youtu.be/S9XR8RZxKNo>

As a school we have decided to carry out **one final "in school" test** for Years 7-11 when they return on Monday, 12th April 2021.

If you have any questions please contact admin@cardinal-heenan.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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