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Dear parent/carer,

SUBJECT: Home Testing Reminder Letter to Parents

We know how important it is for you to be able to send your child to school.

At Risedale School we are taking a number of measures to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus, including:

- Encouraging all staff to test regularly, to minimise the risk of our teachers giving your child or other children Covid;
- Ensuring our staff and children practice good hygiene;
- Making sure our spaces are well ventilated;
- Encouraging all members of our community to isolate and book a [PCR test](#) should they develop symptoms of the virus.

We are also asking all parents to encourage their children to test regularly and to report each result.

Up to one in three people who have COVID-19 can spread the virus without knowing. This is because they have no symptoms. We are therefore asking all parents to encourage their children to test twice weekly, 3-4 days apart and help us to keep Risedale School open.

This letter has gone out to all parents of children at Risedale School asking them to regularly encourage their children to test and to report each result.

Risedale School will continue to issue your child with a supply of Lateral Flow kits to continue testing at home. Please ask your child if they have received these and help and encourage them to take the test and report their results. Testing is free of charge.

The tests will come with guidance in multiple languages on [how to take the test](#). You can also see this useful video to show you how to take the test - tests usually take a few minutes to do and you get the results in 30 minutes. Then all you need to do is to report the result to:

- NHS Test and Trace: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>
- Risedale School: [Home Test Result Form - PUPILS](#)
- **Report all positive test results to school by :** As your child will be absent from school, you must report this in the normal way, contacting the school as soon as possible, making it very clear that this is because of a positive LFD test result.





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Financial support is available if your child tests positive and you need to self-isolate.

If you are unable to work due to your child having, or displaying symptoms of, COVID-19, you may be entitled to a one-off payment of £500 through the [NHS Test and Trace Support Payment scheme](#) if you are required to stay at home and self-isolate.

You will be eligible if you live in England and meet all the following criteria:

- you have been asked to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace, including by the NHS COVID-19 app
- you are employed or self-employed
- you cannot work from home and will lose income as a result
- you are claiming at least one of the following benefits:
 1. Universal Credit
 2. Working Tax Credits
 3. income-related Employment and Support Allowance
 4. income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
 5. Income Support
 6. Pension Credit or Housing Benefit

By testing your child twice a week you will help us to reduce transmission of Coronavirus, keep your child in school and Risedale School open to minimise disruption to their education and to you and your household.

Please contact Gill Morrissey, our COVID Coordinator, if you have any questions or concerns about home testing.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Colin D Scott
Headteacher

