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Dear Parents & Carers

Reminder about Lateral Flow testing at home

As restrictions are relaxed it is incredibly important, we remain vigilant to the risks posed by Covid-19 to keep each other safe and avoid further disruption. Whilst positive cases are low within the Forest of Dean, and well below the national average, there are signs they are starting to creep up.

Further, we've seen news in the media of localised surges in cases driven by more transmissible variants. We are determined to avoid further disruption or periods of closure, but we need to work together.

As we inch back to a more normal way of life it is easy to overlook the importance of regular lateral flow testing to identify asymptomatic positive cases amongst staff and students. Please support us by ensuring your child takes lateral flow tests twice weekly and that the results are reported to both the NHS and to the school using the link below. Even if the result is negative, it gives us important information in knowing how many tests have been taken. We recommend your child takes the test on a Monday and Thursday evening (they must be 3 days apart). More boxes of tests were handed to students today so if you have run out or are running low your child should bring more home - probably somewhere deep within their bag!

Please report the result of any tests [here](#).

If it has been a while since your child has done a lateral flow test at home this video shows the steps involved and how to report the result <https://thedeanacademy.org/covid-19/>.

Thank you for your ongoing support with this as we work together to keep the community safe.

Kind regards

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