



# GRYFFE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all you do to help keep our school safe for everyone. A vitally important part of this is regular testing at home using Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests and young people can collect these from the school office. I am asking you to encourage or support your child to:

- **Test regularly (twice per week) at home;** and
- **Report all results, whether positive, negative or void at [www.covidtest.scot](http://www.covidtest.scot) or by calling 119.**

### Why does testing and reporting results matter?

- Regular, twice-weekly testing at home can provide early identification of those who have COVID-19 but no symptoms. By asking those people to self-isolate, we can reduce the risk of the virus being passed on and avoid more of our young people and staff missing school over the winter period.
- Reporting positive LFD test results means your family will receive the advice and support you need. Reporting negative and void results helps public health experts understand the full picture of COVID-19 in our area, and it helps them to plan to protect communities as well as keep schools safe and open.
- LFD tests are very good at identifying people who don't have symptoms but who have a "high viral load". Those are the people who are most infectious and likely to pass the virus onto others. All LFDs supplied by schools have passed rigorous safety tests.

If your child receives a positive result from their LFD at home or has symptoms, they must report the LFD result online (or by calling 119), self-isolate and book a PCR test via NHS Inform at [www.nhsinform.scot](http://www.nhsinform.scot). Everyone in the household should also self-isolate and follow the advice regarding next steps on NHS Inform.

Finally, mitigations in schools are hugely important in limiting the spread of COVID-19, and we must all double down on our efforts to follow the guidance in our school. This means wearing face masks - covering noses and mouths – in classes and corridors (unless exempt) and washing/sanitising hands often. Classrooms will continue to be ventilated as much as possible and desks must be wiped down before each lesson. Young people must always use the wall mounted sanitisers at entrances to the building and the bottles of sanitiser in every classroom. Pupils, parents and staff have done a great job so far, we must remain vigilant to minimise the risks in school before the Christmas break.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Christie  
Head Teacher

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