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Dear parent/guardian,

Covid 19 Home testing and symptoms

We would like to remind parents again of the procedures for twice weekly home testing of students for Covid 19 and reporting the results – this is critical given the new variant which is currently in circulation. Staff are also carrying out testing twice weekly.

COVID-19 Symptoms

The common symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- a high temperature, and/or
- a new continuous cough
- loss of sense of taste or smell

Whilst National advice remains clear that these symptoms are the ones that would trigger isolation and booking a PCR test, **you may also want to be mindful that in younger people headaches, runny noses, nausea & vomiting and sore throats may also be symptoms of concern particularly linked to the Delta variant.**

If you, or anyone in your family, has any one or a combination of any of these symptoms now or in the future, you should arrange to get a PCR test. You and anyone you live with should stay at home until you get your test result. You usually have to self-isolate for 10 full days if you've tested positive or have been in close contact with someone who has. This is to protect others in your community. Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital. If you or your child become very unwell then contact NHS 111 for advice.

Home testing and reporting of results

It is imperative that students continue to test for Covid 19 twice a week at home:

- Testing should be done at home twice weekly, 3-5 days apart every Sunday and Wednesday evening using the home test kits provided.
- Report results online as positive, negative or void. This information is essential in gaining information on the prevalence of the virus across the country. By taking a test, you are obliged to report ALL results to both the NHS and the school. Please use the following links to report ALL results:



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To report to school click on the link below:

[Home testing lateral flow test results for students at Shenley Academy](#)

To report to the NHS:

<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

Please rest assured that we are taking every precaution here at the academy to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff, including regular and focussed cleaning of the academy, social distancing and ensuring good hand and respiratory hygiene.

Parents and carers are reminded that if you or your child show any symptoms of the virus you should arrange a PCR Covid 19 test as soon as possible. To access testing, you can use the online booking service at www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test-or-call-119. Please click [here](#) for the NHS' guide to COVID-19 symptoms.

Kind regards,

Dr Jayne Bartlett
Head Teacher

