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Dear families,

**RE: End of onsite testing for asymptomatic students and the importance of home testing**

I am writing to confirm onsite testing for asymptomatic students comes to an end this week. **Four out of every five** students took part – it is important we continue this success with home testing.

Participating students are being given two home test kits so they can continue lateral flow testing at home. **Getting into the habit of regular testing within our everyday lives allows us all to play our part in protecting each other whilst minimising the potential impact on school.**

Tests should be done twice a week on **Monday** and **Thursday** mornings **before coming into school**, if this is not possible then the night before is acceptable. All results must be reported to NHS 'Test and Trace' at [www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result](http://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result).

'**Positive**' or '**void**' results must be reported to the school using [office@ryecollege.co.uk](mailto:office@ryecollege.co.uk) as soon as possible to allow for contact tracing to begin.

Household testing

Test kits sent home by school are for student use only. However, if you are a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble for a student or colleague, you can get your own twice weekly test.

This can be through workplace testing, attending a test site, collecting tests from [your nearest collection site](#), or, there will be a supply of rapid tests for order online for those who need them the most. Further details are available at [Get a home test kit for your household](#). **All testing is free.**

Privacy notices for home tests are available on our website – opening the home test kit is treated as consent. If you experience an accident whilst using a home test kit, you should report this to the school. If you would like your child to continue testing but have difficulty putting home arrangements into place, please contact us.

When we hand out the next round of test kits, we will be expanding the offer to those who have not participated in the onsite testing programme. We ask families to discuss amongst themselves whether they wish their child to accept a home test kit or not. Further information about all our testing can be found on our website at [www.ryecollege.co.uk/mustknow/nhstesttrace](http://www.ryecollege.co.uk/mustknow/nhstesttrace).

Whilst home testing is voluntary, we strongly urge families to support their child to develop a regular home testing habit. If you have any further questions feel free to email [office@ryecollege.co.uk](mailto:office@ryecollege.co.uk).

Yours faithfully,

Mr. D. Downes  
Head of College