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Dear Parents /carers.

Lateral flow testing in school has now finished and students have all been offered two COVID tests by the school. We now move to the home testing phase where families will complete lateral flow testing twice a week at home.

Please do read the information that comes home with students and the kits and stress to them the importance of doing them at home. These will be issued to students this week or early next week depending on their assembly days.

We are now using a new style of kit which is nasal only. It must be read between 15 and 30 minutes and not after 30 minutes - this is different to the previous style of test. Please see the instructions on this page on how to complete the Acon Flowflex test:

https://www.bhbs.hereford.sch.uk/page/?title=Coronavirus+Testing+at+Home&pid=121 Students form tutors will also explain this to them this week.



<u>The Bishop of Hereford's Bluecoat School - Coronavirus</u> Testing at Home

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Results need to be recorded in two places whether they are positive, negative or void on the following sites:

NHS website: https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result

School weblink: https://go.bhbs.hereford.sch.uk/StudentReportLFT

Any old-style tests should be used up first at home please as these are still fine to be used.

We are also reviewing our reporting system. We are talking to students about what it means to be 'good' or 'excellent' and hopefully in very few cases 'moderate' or 'poor'. We are resetting these in our cycles of reports this year so it may be that your child's report looks slightly different to usual. I would like to remind you of the criteria so that this is something that you can also talk about at home with your child.

	Attitude / <u>Behaviour</u>	Completion of Homework / Organisation	Contribution in Class / Effort
Excellent	Positive attitude to learning at all times	Homework always completed on time and to a high standard. Well organised.	Always goes the "extra mile"
Good	Displays a positive attitude to learning most of the time	Homework is completed on time to a good standard. Organised most of the time.	Always willing to contribute in class/make a good effort.
Moderate	Odd lapses in positive attitude to learning which can warrant a sanction and further guidance regarding co-operation	Homework is usually completed on time, but can lack depth / preparation. Some lapses in organisation warranting a sanction/further guidance.	Usually gives best/ contributes with some coaxing.
Poor	Can be un-cooperative to own learning / learning experience of others, little commitment to learning, sanctions / guidance necessary	Homework rarely completed warranting sanctions / further guidance. Organisation is a priority for improvement.	Frequently unwilling to contribute to class activities / take part in peer / group work, warranting sanctions / further guidance

If you have any questions about our reporting system please contact Mrs Ellie Bunston, Deputy Head on ebunston@bhbs.hereford.sch.uk

Kind regards

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