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Dear Parent/Carer

COVID-19 rapid asymptomatic testing at Gosforth Academy

Following the government's announcement to reopen schools on 8th March, we are focusing our efforts on rolling out the rapid asymptomatic testing programme. This programme is designed to identify students without COVID-19 symptoms to enable us to break the chains of transition within school. Any student with a positive test must isolate as per government guidelines.

When students return to school, we are required to complete 3 onsite tests. The three tests will be completed between 4th March – 26th March depending on year group return dates.

From the week beginning 29th March, all students will be asked to complete the rapid asymptomatic test at home (we will distribute test kits weekly directly to the students). Details on the home testing programme will be shared at a later date.

Participation in the testing programme is voluntary, but encouraged, however, if you wish for your child to be tested, we will require completion of a consent form. The consent forms are available on FROG or by following the link below. Please note that we are unable to test students without a completed consent form. If you wish your child to access testing, please complete the consent form before Wednesday 3rd March.

Consent form link: <https://bit.ly/3sCLvEM>

If you have any concerns or require support with testing, please email admin@ga.newcastle.sch.uk

Kind regards

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