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Dear Parents and Carers,

REF: HOME TESTING FOR PUPILS

As you know, we have been carrying out lateral flow testing since January. We are very proud of our pupils and how well they have engaged with these tests. They are now very familiar with the routines. However, testing is no longer to be based in schools, as home testing for pupils begins next Monday, 22nd March.

Home testing is not compulsory, but is highly recommended and may help to break the transmission of Covid-19.

- Tests are distributed from school and are named. They cannot be transferred to another person. Your child will be given test kits to bring home on Friday 18th March.
- Pupils need to be tested on the following dates, in the evening.
 - Sunday 21st March
 - Wednesday 24th March
 - Sunday 11th April
 - Wednesday 14th April
 - Sunday 18th April
 - Wednesday 21st April
- Please follow the full instructions from the blue booklet that is with the tests (do not follow the booklet inside the box)
- Testing takes a few seconds and results are available after 30 minutes
- Results **must** be reported to the NHS straightaway
 - **Negative** – he/she can come into school the next day
 - **Positive** – he/she must self-isolate and take a PCR test, following public health guidance
 - **Void** – he/she will need to try again with a new test kit
- Results **must** also be reported to the school at: pupilresult@thevalley.herts.sch.uk

If you have any questions or concerns about the process, please contact me for support and advice.

Kind regards

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