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Dear Parent or Carer

Further to my previous letters outlining the phased return to school for Senior Phase Pupils, I am writing to provide details of how pupils can participate in the COVID-19 self-testing programme.

At this time I would like to invite all Senior Phase Pupils (S4 – S6) to provide consent to participate in the programme via the following link: <https://forms.gle/cU8ztnuUz9my7qci8>.

Young people aged 16 or over who wish to participate in the programme should complete this form themselves having discussed the letter issued on 9 February with their parent or carer. Those under 16 will require their parent or carer to complete this form on their behalf.

Taking part in the scheme is voluntary, but is encouraged for those attending school. Pupils will still be permitted to attend school if they choose not to participate in the testing programme. Tests will be available for collection from the office window within the main school reception between the hours of **9am – 3pm on Tuesday 9 March and Thursday 11 March.**

Please note that tests cannot be issued unless the online consent form has been completed and received by the school. A total of 9 test kits will be issued to each participating pupil with tests to be undertaken every Sunday and Wednesday. These kits should therefore provide 4 and a half weeks of testing, although note that testing should not take place during the holidays. Full instructions on how to use the testing kits will be provided at the time of collection. There are also useful step by step videos that can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvaBZskxS7tzQYIVq7lwH5uxAD9UrSzGJ>.

Those attending the school premises will be required to wear a mask and maintain social distancing of 2 metres when collecting their test kits.

Office staff who are distributing the tests will be happy to answer any questions at the time of collection.

Yours sincerely,

Douglas Watt
Head Teacher

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