

Friday 12th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been so wonderful to welcome all of our students back to school, to hear the buzz and energy that they bring, which we have missed so much. All staff here have been incredibly impressed with how students have conducted themselves around the school both in lessons but also at the test centre where they have shown great maturity.

I would also like to take the opportunity to mention that our students who have been attending our Essential School all the way through lockdown have been amazing throughout, engaging in their online lessons, asking for help when needed and always with a smile!

Trust Parent Survey for Home Learning

I appreciate that many parents have already completed Isca's home learning survey and I would like to thank you for your time and feedback. However, The Ted Wragg Trust have also created a survey to be completed by all schools in the Trust and we invite you to complete this for us if at all possible. The survey [can be completed here](#) and should take less than 5 minutes.

PE Kit

A reminder please that for a further week, there will be no requirement for students to wear or bring their PE Kit to school.

Testing in School

Students in all Year Groups, with the exception of Year 9, will have received their first two tests this week. The following is a reminder of the programme of in-school testing for next week:

Year Group	2nd Test Date	3rd Test Date
11	<i>Complete</i>	16 th March
10		
9	15 th March	18 th March
8	<i>Complete</i>	17 th March
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Home Testing

Our testing in school has been a huge success and students have been incredibly mature throughout the process. We have processed 1,347 tests this week.

Following further Government guidance, we will provide all students (with consent) with enough home testing kits to allow for two tests per week, for the next 3 weeks. Your child will receive these packs after their third test on the dates given in the table above.

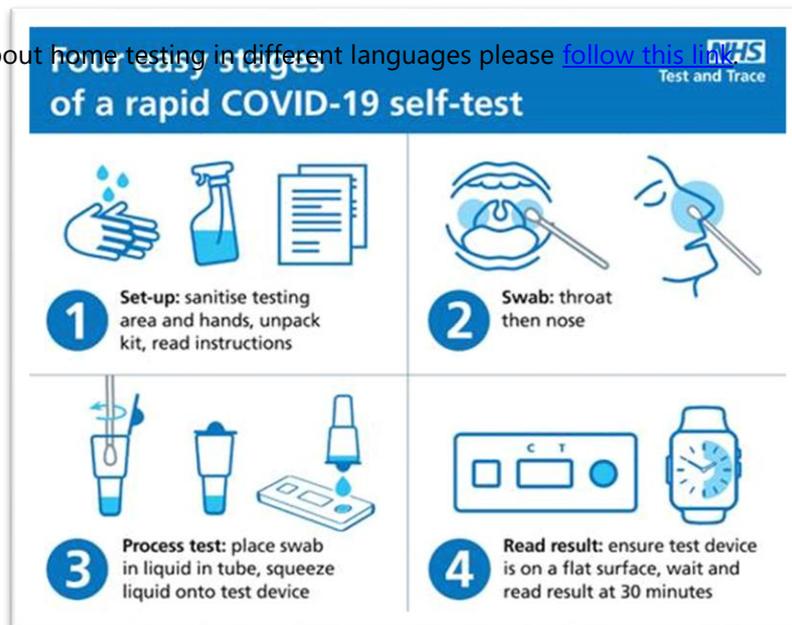
Testing packs include a step-by-step guide, clearly explaining how to process a test at home, shown in brief on the diagram below and in more detail here:

[How to test yourself - booklet](#)

[How to test yourself – video](#)

Isca Academy, Earl Richards Road South, Exeter EX2 6AP T: 01392 204082 www.iscaexeter.co.uk

To access information about home testing in different languages please [follow this link](#)



Tests should be undertaken on a Sunday and Wednesday evening please. Once your child has completed their home test, please register their result with the NHS **AND** with Isca Academy, using the links below:

Register the test result with the school using this link	Home Testing Results Isca Academy
Register the result with the NHS using this link	www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result

If your child receives a positive result **or** has COVID symptoms, please email us on covid@iscaexeter.co.uk to inform us at the earliest opportunity.

All links are also published on the school website: <https://iscaexeter.co.uk/parents/coronavirus-updates/>

All members of a household, childcare bubble of a pupil, student or staff of a school or college, can now access twice-weekly tests:

- through your employer if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit online here [Order rapid lateral flow home test kits](#)

Thank you for supporting this process, if you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to get in touch.



Free School Meals

Over the Easter holidays, Devon County Council will be providing vouchers to families of children entitled to free school meals. These will be sent by email, as they were over the half term holiday. Please look out for the emails as we get closer to the holidays. The vouchers will be for a total of £30 to cover the two weeks.

If your circumstances have changed your child may now be eligible for free school meals, to check you eligibility please use the following link [Devon Citizens Portal](#) or contact 0345 155 1019.

Thank you as always for your continued support, it really is appreciated and I look forward to another fantastic week with our students next week. I wish you and your family a restful weekend.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aimee Mitchell', is located below the 'Best wishes,' text.

Aimee Mitchell Headteacher