



THE THOMAS LORD AUDLEY SCHOOL

Part of The Sigma Trust

Headteacher: Simon Essex BSc MA

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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your support of our return to school. In the main, this has been a smooth transition back in to our normal way of working. I am particularly proud of the way students conducted themselves last week during the Covid testing sessions; in total we completed over 2000 tests and this will now continue with home testing.

Home Testing for Covid

Today students will be given two home test kits and an instruction booklet. The process is fairly straightforward, but I recommend that the booklet is referred to so that the tests can be completed accurately. Inside each test kit you will find an older instruction booklet that the NHS has now updated. Please discard the booklets from within the boxes and use the booklet provided separately. I would encourage your child to test at home today, Monday 15 May and then in the evening of Wednesday 17 May. Following these two tests please test every Sunday and Wednesday evening. The instructions require you to register the test online with the NHS:

<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>. Please also log the results for the school's records by completing this very short form: [School Home Test Result Reporting](#). In the event that the home test provides a positive result, your child and your whole household must self-isolate. Please book a confirmatory PCR test by registering online: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> and then be guided by test and trace about the self-isolation.

If your child has tested positive for Covid in the last 90 days, then they should not complete the home testing until their 90 days period has passed. Please keep the kits stored appropriately at home for future use.

Summer Polo Shirts

We have received a couple of enquiries about the Summer polo shirt. Due to the lockdowns, the last time the polo shirt was worn was in Summer 2019. Prior to the first lockdown we undertook a minor review of our uniform and decided that the time had come to phase out the summer polo shirt option. Due to the complexities over recent months the details of this change have not been shared so it has been decided that, as an interim measure, students may wear the polo shirt this Summer term (which starts after the Easter break). From September 2021, the summer polo shirt will no longer be part of the school uniform.

Easter Break

The Easter break starts at the end of school on Friday 26th March and we are due to return on Monday 12th April.

Yours sincerely



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