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Dear Parents and Carers,

The home testing kits have now been received from the NHS and we are able to begin to give these out to students later this week. We understand that many of you have already started to test regularly at home, some would like the opportunity to test at home and some would prefer to have their son or daughter continue to test at school. We do have limited capacity for in school testing during the school day. I have sought further clarification of the guidance regarding home testing and implied consent and would like to be sure that your views are clearly represented rather than assumed or implied.

Therefore, further to my letter of last week, we would ask that you

### **PLEASE COMPLETE THE SURVEY HERE**

by 4pm on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March which asks simply

Do you give consent for your child to:

- 1) test at home or
- 2) test at school or
- 3) not test.

This will then lead to three clear outcomes

- 1) sign and receive home testing kits from school
- 2) test at school, supervised by our staff (we have limited capacity for this to continue)
- 3) no further action regarding testing.

If you are testing at home please remember that once each test is completed, the result should be sent to <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> as per the instructions in the booklet, and also to the School for our own records using the [Student COVID Test Outcome Form](#). If your child tests positive, please keep him or her at home.

If your son or daughter displays any symptoms of COVID 19, they should NOT come into school but you should arrange for them to be tested as soon as possible at a local testing site.

If by the middle of next week your son or daughter has been in school but does not bring the boxes home, I would be grateful if you could send an email to [office@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk)

Here, you will find a YouTube link to a short film which shows [How to do a COVID-19 Self-Test](#)

As always, your patience and support are greatly appreciated,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs G Ackred  
Headteacher