

ORMISTON SIX VILLAGES ACADEMY



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Dear Six Villages Community

Covid 19 testing and vaccines

The Education Secretary and the Health Secretary have issued a joint letter this week to parents of secondary school students in England. If you haven't seen it, you can read it here.

This week at school, it is fair to say that there has been a considerable level of 'hype' around Covid 19. Positive cases at the academy have been consistently low throughout the pandemic, which is reassuring for us all – students, staff and parents alike. This remains the case at the time of writing.

It remains important, however, not to become complacent, and to routinely lateral flow test. The recommendation is for students to test themselves twice a week and test results should be reported via https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result

It might shock you to learn that only 111 student lateral flow tests were registered last week. When I take account of the number of students who took part in the lateral flow testing programme and were issued with home testing kits, and that testing should be twice weekly, 111 equates to 10.7% of participating students.

Peer on Peer Abuse: Challenging homophobia and celebrating diversity 2021-22

Next week peer on peer abuse will be the topic in year group assemblies. The aims are

- to address prejudice and discriminatory behaviour towards any other identifying as LBGT
- to educate students on the need to use language that is not ignorant or hurtful
- to ensure that discrimination based upon sexuality is considered just as unacceptable as other prejudice like racism with zero tolerance

May I assure you that assemblies will be age appropriate.

Yours faithfully

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