Self-testing at home – information for parents

A school should be as safe a place as possible – even in these times of coronavirus. Part of an overall strategy towards greater safety is regular self-testing. These tests are quick and easy to perform, and can help to make face-to-face classroom teaching possible in schools. The self-testing procedure is risk-free and is not comparable with that involved in the self-tests carried out under medical supervision.

After the Easter holidays, therefore, the following shall apply:

- All pupils having face-to-face classroom teaching or in 'emergency groups' (e.g. for children of key workers) are to test themselves **twice a week (as a rule) at home before school**.
- This self-testing is not voluntary but **mandatory**.
- Testing kits are available from the school. Pupils are to take them home and use them **on those days specified by the school**.
- Parents must **sign** to confirm the test was taken and the results were negative.
- If a pupil has not tested him- or herself at home, they shall take the test at school on the same day. This alternative is, however, permitted only **in exceptional cases**. The very clear rule is that self-testing should take place at home before school.

- If the **test result is positive**, the pupil must not attend school and the school is to be informed immediately.
- The parents must then make an appointment with a doctor or a test centre for a **PCR test** to verify the result of the self-test. The pupil may leave their home only in order to attend this appointment, and visits are not allowed.

(Please complete and return to the school!)

Pupil's name:_____Year/Class:_____

I/We have received and taken note of the information sheet for parents on 'Self-testing at home'.

Place/date:

Signature of a parent or guardian: