



3rd March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Lateral Flow Tests

Last week, the Department of Health and Social Care announced that households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including childcare and support bubbles, can test themselves twice every week at home as schools return from Monday 8th March 2021.

Secondary age pupils who have parental consent will be tested in school from Monday 8th March and will be able to access the home testing kits from the week commencing 15th March 2021.

The twice-weekly lateral flow test kits can be accessed in three ways:

- 1) By going to a local test site
- 2) Collecting a home test kit from a test site
- 3) Ordering home test kits online

1) Local Testing Site – Lateral Flow Test

You can take a rapid lateral flow test at a local site. Testing at these sites is assisted, which means you will swab yourself under the supervision of a trained operator. You may need to book an appointment.

[Click here to find your nearest rapid lateral flow test site](#)

2) Collect Test Kits

You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Each pack contains 7 tests. Anyone 18 or over can collect. You can check online if the location is busy before you go.

[Click here to find your nearest home test kit collection point](#)

3) Order Home Test Kits Online

If you cannot get tested at your workplace, or are unable to go to a test site or collect test kits, you can order a home test kit online. Do not order online if you can get a test through other methods. This frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

[Click here to order rapid lateral flow home test kits](#)

How will this help our school?

If all household members take tests twice a week, the virus will be far less likely to come into school. This will mean that we will be more likely to be able to keep our school fully open for all pupils.

What if a Lateral Flow Test is Positive?

If anyone tests positive or gets coronavirus symptoms, you should tell us straight away and make sure that the person and their household or bubble:

- Self-isolates immediately
- Gets a PCR test (a different coronavirus test) to confirm the result. [A PCR test can be booked by clicking here](#)

We are asking all parents to take up this offer. By doing so, we hope not to have to return to remote learning for any classes in the future.

Yours sincerely,



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