

Important Information



3rd March 2021

Free Lateral Flow Tests

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Government have announced that all family households who have school aged children can now access **free lateral flow tests**. These tests are for people who have no coronavirus symptoms. By doing these tests families will help to stop the virus spread and help to keep our school open as safely as possible. The tests are voluntary, but I would strongly encourage everyone to take it.

Use the following website for information:

www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests

- You can collect packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Each pack contains 7 tests. Anyone 18 or over can collect, you won't need ID and you do not need to make a pre-booked appointment, you can just turn up. You can check online for the nearest the location.

OR

- If you 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 collect from a local testing site, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

What twice-weekly testing involves

You will be asked to:

- take a test twice a week (every 3 or 4 days apart)
- report **every** result to NHS Test and Trace on the same day you take the test either online or by calling 119 (instructions will be in the pack).

If anyone in your household tests positive or gets coronavirus symptoms, they should tell the school and:



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- self-isolate immediately
- get a PCR test (this is where you would visit a test site) to confirm the result
- follow the stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus

A negative result means the test did not find signs of coronavirus at the time of the test, but this does not guarantee you do not have coronavirus, so you should keep following all the Government guidance which can be found www.gov.uk/how-to-stop-the-spread-of-coronavirus-covid-19/

Thank you for your support.

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