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COVID Testing for Family Households

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

As you may have heard in the news recently, from 1st March 2021, members of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil can get a twice-weekly rapid lateral flow test. These tests are to be used regularly for people who are asymptomatic (don't have symptoms). School staff will continue to test themselves twice a week. Primary school pupils will not be asked to be tested at this time.

If you have any coronavirus symptoms then you must continue to follow government guidance which means you need to book a PCR test as soon as possible. You and your household must stay at home whilst you are awaiting your PCR test results. You and your household must self-isolate for 10 days if a positive test result is received.

We have been given some guidance by the government about how families can access rapid lateral flow tests. You can get a twice-weekly test:

- through your employer if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit online

Further details about each of the different ways of getting rapid lateral flow tests can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff?s=09>.

Taking part in the twice weekly testing is optional. If you choose to take part in the testing, you will be asked to take a test twice a week (every 3 or 4 days apart) and report every result to NHS Test and Trace on the same day you take the test by reporting online or calling 119. If anyone receives a positive rapid lateral flow test result then they **must tell the school** and **their household must self-isolate immediately**. They also need to get a PCR test to confirm the result and follow the stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection (details can be found on the website above).

A negative result means the test did not find signs of coronavirus. But this does not guarantee you do not have coronavirus, so you should keep following all [coronavirus advice](#) including:

- regular handwashing
- social distancing
- wearing a face covering where recommended

If you have any questions about the rapid lateral flow testing then please do get in touch with your school.

Yours sincerely,

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