



Monday 1st March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

The government has confirmed twice-weekly testing using rapid lateral flow tests will be given for free to all families and households with primary aged children, including childcare and support bubbles, to help find more COVID-19 cases and break chains of transmission. Regular testing of people without symptoms is important to help stop the virus spreading and protect your loved ones, and we support the offering of free, regular testing for households with primary aged children.

This regular testing is only for people without symptoms and uses a 'rapid lateral flow test'. Do not use the rapid lateral flow testing if someone has symptoms. If your child or anyone in their household has symptoms of COVID-19, then everyone in the household must stay at home. Inform school of reason for absence and keep us updated. [Order a test for people with symptoms online](#) or call 119. This testing is called a PCR test.

Regular testing is not for primary school children themselves due to low levels of transmission between younger aged children but primary school children will continue to need to come forward for a PCR test if they have symptoms. [Order a test for people with symptoms online](#) or call 119.

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
- Report your test result online or by calling 119.

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

- self-isolate immediately
- get a PCR test to confirm the result
- follow the stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection

Please note that, if you do participate, a negative result 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

We do not provide test kits or administer tests to families. To find out more about ordering test kits, go to: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

Yours sincerely,

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