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Dear Parents/Carers,

With all the excitement at reaching a new stage in the Government's roadmap and a lift in some of the restrictions since Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021, I wanted to take a moment to share the NHS guidance on Coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

There are different tests you can get to check if you have coronavirus (COVID-19). The test you need depends on why you're getting tested.

The 2 main tests are:

- PCR tests which are mainly for people with symptoms. These tests are sent to a lab to be checked and results can take up to 3 days (although many results are usually received sooner than this).
- Rapid Lateral Flow Tests which are only for people who **do not** have symptoms. These tests give a result in 30 minutes.

Both tests are free from the NHS.

## If you have symptoms of COVID-19

Get a PCR test as soon as possible if you have any of these symptoms:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

You and anyone you live with should stay at home until you get your test result. Only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone in your childcare or support bubble should also stay at home if you have been in close contact with them since your symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they started.

Tests can be booked online via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or you can arrange for a test by phone on 119.

## **Regular tests if you do not have symptoms**

Anyone can now get regular rapid lateral flow tests without having symptoms.

About 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 do not have symptoms but can still infect others. You should do a rapid test twice a week (every 3 to 4 days) to check if you have the virus.

If people test positive and self-isolate, it helps stop the virus spreading.

You can order tests online via: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

You can also collect up to 2 packs of 7 rapid tests from a local pharmacy or test site.

If you do tests at home, you'll need to report your results online or on the phone.

More information regarding rapid lateral flow tests can be found online: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/regular-rapid-coronavirus-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms/>

## **Other reasons to get tested**

Confirming a previous test result

Get a PCR test as soon as possible if:

- you've done a rapid lateral flow test and had a positive result or your test sample could not be read (void result)
- you had a PCR test and your test sample could not be read

If you have symptoms, stay at home until you get the result of the 2nd test.

On behalf of the school I would like to thank you all for your continued support and understanding as we navigate through these ever changing times.

By working together now to ensure the safety of all our pupils and families we hope to support the Government and the NHS in making further progress on the journey towards a lifting of all restrictions and a return to our normal lives.

Yours sincerely,



Miss JK Tomlinson  
Executive Principal