



HEATH FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of the government's package of measures for the full opening of schools on March 8th, **household members of primary school children are entitled to free lateral flow tests.** These tests are easy to self-administer and have been in use by all school staff twice a week for the past month. The tests are not for primary children and are not available from schools but instead you can collect or order them.

If you would like to get a twice-weekly test, the information of how to do so is below, summarised from this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff?priority-taxon=774cee22-d896-44c1-a611-e3109cce8eae>

From 1 March 2021, if you're a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil 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

Take a test at a rapid lateral flow test site

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](#).

Collect test kits

You can collect up to 4 home test kits at a local collection point. Each kit 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](#).





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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. [Click here to order a home test kit.](#)

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 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

A negative result means the test did not find signs of coronavirus. But this **DOES NOT** guarantee that you do not have coronavirus, so you should keep following all coronavirus advice including:

- regular handwashing
- social distancing

We strongly encourage you and your family to take up this opportunity. The more people who are tested regularly across our school community the less likely we are to have a case in school and the more likely we are able to remain fully open over the coming weeks.

Thank you for your support,

Mark Whyman

