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Dear parents/carers,

Rapid lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils

Around 1 in 3 people with coronavirus (COVID-19) do not have symptoms but can still pass it on to others. Regular testing of people without symptoms (asymptomatic testing) is important to help stop the virus spreading. As lockdown restrictions gradually ease, we all need to play our part to help protect each other.

On Sunday 28th February, the [Department of Health and Social Care announced](#) that from Monday 1st March, households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including childcare and support bubbles, can test themselves twice every week at home as schools return from Monday 8th March. Please note that primary school children are not being asked to test at this time

Households, childcare and support bubbles of primary, secondary and college staff can also be tested. Twice-weekly testing will also be offered to adults working in the wider school community, including bus drivers and after school club leaders.

The twice-weekly test kits can be accessed:

- ❖ via employers if they offer testing to employees
- ❖ at a local test site – please use the following link - [Find your local test site](#)
- ❖ by collecting a home test kit from a collection point – please use the following link - [Find your local collection point](#)
- ❖ by ordering a home test kit online – please use the following link - [order your test kit](#)

Schools cannot give test kits to parents, carers or household members and have been told not order more test kits for this purpose.

For further information, this [guidance](#) provides information on who can be tested and how you can get a test.

Kind regards,

Alan Went
Headteacher