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Dear Parents/ Carers,

We wanted to share that all of our children are settling back into their school routines really well and in addition to benefitting from face-to-face teaching and learning, they are also enjoying the opportunity to spend time with their friends. The Government has released asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college. Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps to reduce the transmission of the virus. NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

These test kits can either be collected or ordered online and this includes childcare and support bubbles. Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- › through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- › by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- › by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes as this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about these tests, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). We have been informed that lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Please note that children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are **not** being asked to take a test. Meanwhile, all children in KS3 following the completion of their third Lateral Flow Test on Thursday, will be provided with home testing kits here at school. Children in Years 7 and 8 will then be asked to complete their Lateral Flow Test at home every Monday and Thursday from week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

Testing is voluntary, but it is strongly recommended to all who are eligible to help to keep our school community safe. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.



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We hope that you find this information helpful and if you need any help, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warm wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deborah Craddock', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr Deborah Craddock

## COVID-19 testing for families



If you have a school age child or school worker in your household, support or childcare bubble you can access twice weekly testing

- Get a test through your employer if they are part of an employee testing scheme
- Pick up a home test kit from your nearest testing centre
- Order home testing kits online

If you get a positive result:

Report the result of your test to NHS Test and Trace online or call 119

Self-isolate and book a PCR test to confirm the result

Follow the stay at home guidance for households with a positive coronavirus infection

Test kits are for adults in a household, support or childcare bubble

Secondary school pupils, college students and staff will have test kits provided by their school or college

Primary school pupils do not need to be tested

Find more at [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

