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Covid-19 Lateral Flow Home Test Kits

Dear Parents & Carers,

Following queries from families today, I am writing to clarify the current position on Covid-19 testing, especially the LFD self-test kits. Primary school pupils **will not** be asked to test in school at this time.

However, if you are a member of a household, childcare bubble of a pupil, student or staff of a school or college, 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. Find your nearest rapid lateral flow test site at <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

Collect test kits.

You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Each pack contains 7 tests.

Anyone 18 or over can collect. Most collection points are open from 1.30pm to 7pm. You can check online if the location is open or busy before you go. You do not need to make an appointment.

Do not visit a collection point outside opening hours, as it may be used to test people with coronavirus symptoms outside these times. Find your nearest home test kit collection point at <https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

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. Do not order online if you can get a test through other methods.

This frees up home delivery for those who need it most. Order rapid lateral flow home test kits at <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

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 HERE at <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

or by calling 119.

If anyone tests positive or gets coronavirus symptoms, they should:

1. Self-isolate immediately;
2. Get a PCR test to confirm the result;
3. Follow the stay-at-home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection;
4. **At this point**, you will need to inform the school office that a member of your household bubble has tested positive.

If your child has tested positive and attends Ludlow Primary School then we will contact our Local Public Health for further guidance on potential bubble closure.

A negative result means the test did not find signs of coronavirus. But this 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

I will continue to keep you updated as regards to any change in Covid-19 protocols and guidance via the ClassDojo and the website.

Kind regards,

Matt Hood

Deputy Headteacher