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Lateral Flow Test- Home testing of pupils

Around 1 in 3 people with Covid-19 don't have any symptoms, but can still pass it on. The aim of the lateral flow test is to test as many people as possible to help stop the spread of infections.

From Monday 8th March all pupils at Oakfield have been offered three lateral flow tests in school. From the week commencing the 22nd March home testing of pupils will start- onsite testing of pupils will stop. **Along with this letter, you will receive a home testing kit and a step-by-step guide for self-testing.** Each home testing kit will contain 3 tests. The test usually involves taking a sample from your tonsils (or where they would have been) and from your nose, using a swab. You can get a result in 30 minutes

Pupils should be tested twice a week. The tests should be administered 3-4 days apart. You can only use the test provided from school for your child that attends our setting. The test must not be used for other family members. Please see the final paragraph of this letter for information on how you can obtain tests for adults in your household.

We will send another test kit home after the 3rd home test has been completed.

Reporting results

It is really important that results are reported to the NHS

Online www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result

Or

By telephone- 119 (lines are open 7 am to 11pm)

If anyone in the household tests positive or gets coronavirus symptoms, they should tell the school straight away and:

- self-isolate immediately
- Get a PCR test at a local test centre to confirm the result
<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

If the PCR test confirms a positive case of Covid-19, your child and all members of the household must self-isolate following the current government guidelines (currently 10 days). Please inform school of a positive PCR result by phoning the school office. School will then implement our procedures for tracing close contacts of your child in school, and will inform them to self-isolate. **If the PCR test is negative, please inform the school and your child can return to school.**



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A negative lateral test result means the test did not find signs of coronavirus. **If your child is negative they are able to come to school as normal.**

But this does not guarantee people do not have coronavirus, so they should keep following all the guidance including:

- regular handwashing
- social distancing
- wearing a face covering where recommended

Household and Support Bubble Testing

All households with primary and secondary school and college age children, and childcare and support bubbles, will be encouraged to start regular twice-weekly testing. Please read the following advice taken from <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/all-households-with-children-of-school-aged-to-get-rapid-covid-19-tests-per-person-per-week>

The link below can be used for further information or google 'order home test kits online'.
<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Many Thanks

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