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Dear Parent/Carer

We have recently received new information regarding the availability of lateral flow tests for all of our school community.

The following people in England will now have access to regular rapid lateral flow testing made available to them as schools reopen:

- households, childcare and support bubbles of primary and secondary-age pupils
- households, childcare and support bubbles of primary and secondary staff

From 1 March 2021, members of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil can get a twice-weekly test:

- through their employer if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site [Find the nearest test site here](#)
- by collecting a home test kit from a local collection point [Find the nearest collection point here](#)
- by ordering a home test kit online. Rapid lateral flow home test kits can be ordered [here](#).

If you decide to participate you will be asked to take a test twice a week (every 3 or 4 days apart) and report every result to NHS Test and Trace on the same day they take the test.

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 a person does not have coronavirus, so they should keep following all coronavirus advice.

I'm sure you will agree that this is an added safety measure that could keep everyone in our community safe.

Yours sincerely

Ms Rachel Ward
Headteacher

