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COVID RAPID TESTING INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND ADULTS WITH CHILDREN AT SCHOOL OR COLLEGE

Dear Parent / Carer,

About 1 in 3 people with coronavirus do not have symptoms but can still pass it on to others. Regular testing of people without symptoms is important to help stop the virus spreading and protect your loved ones.

Following this news, NHS Test and Trace announced last week **that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.** 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, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

Further information can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Please note that:

Primary school age children (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test

As a school, we are not able to order your family tests. If you wish to take part in this scheme, you will need to make arrangements yourself, as outlined above.

Kind regards,

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