



Dear Parent/Carer,

Important message for parents about lateral flow testing kits for coronavirus

Lateral flow device testing is a fast and simple way to test people who do not have symptoms of coronavirus, but who may still be spreading the virus.

Lateral flow tests ARE NOT to be used for infant aged children. They should also not be used by anyone who has coronavirus symptoms. If anyone in your household has coronavirus symptoms they should **get a PCR test to check if they have coronavirus on GOV.UK or by ringing 119.**

If you have been advised by your child's school or childcare setting that your child has been identified as a close contact of a positive coronavirus case they must isolate for 10 days, and you must follow the advice given by the school or childcare setting.

If your child is isolating because they have been identified as a close contact of someone with coronavirus they cannot return to school or childcare setting before the end of the 10 day isolation period even if they have a negative test result (either PCR or lateral flow)

Lateral flow test kits should only be used by the person they were issued to. If you have a child in secondary school who is testing themselves at home the tests must not be used by anyone else in the household e.g. a sibling or a parent.

Similarly, if you have access to a lateral flow test through your workplace you should not use these to test your children at home.

Public Health England are only advising primary school children to have PCR tests if symptomatic and not lateral flow tests.

Many Thanks

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