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Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find the recent guidance regarding testing and how to order tests below:

### **Covid Testing**

Primary school staff, their families and the childcare and support bubbles of pupils now have access to lateral flow testing. **Primary/First school pupils themselves will not take asymptomatic tests but should book a PCR test online if they develop symptoms.**

If you're a member of a household, childcare or support 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 asymptomatic test site, managed by your local authority
- by [collecting a home test kit](#) from a test site
- by ordering a [home test kit online](#)

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

- self-isolate immediately
- get a PCR test to confirm the result
- follow the stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection

Pupils, students and staff should also tell their school or college if they test positive.

[For more information about testing for pupils, school staff and their families visit GOV.UK](#)

### **If you have coronavirus symptoms:**

The most important symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If you have symptoms of COVID-19, arrange to have a PCR test if you have not already had one. Stay at home while you are waiting for a home self-sampling kit, a test site appointment or a test result. **Do not use the rapid lateral flow testing service as this is only for people without symptoms.**

[Order a test for people with symptoms](#) online or call 119.