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Dear Parents/Carers,

COVID19 - Rapid Lateral Flow Testing

As you may be aware, whole families and households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including childcare and support bubbles, will be able to test themselves twice every week from home as schools return from 8 March.

As laid out in the government's guidance, rapid lateral flow tests can be provided to the qualifying groups for free. Testing is encouraged but not mandatory. Rapid testing provides a test result after 30 minutes, meaning positive cases can isolate immediately. A secondary PCR test will be required for positive lateral flow tests which are taken at home, either through at home PCR testing or at a local PCR testing site.

Please be aware that school will not be distributing these testing kits. The expanded regular testing offer for people without symptoms will be delivered as follows:

- Through your employer if they offer testing to employees. Contact your employer to find out more.
- At a local test site. [Find your nearest rapid lateral flow test site](#).
- By collecting a home test kit from a test site. [Find your nearest home test kit collection point](#).
- By ordering a home test kit online. [Order rapid lateral flow home test kits](#)

Should you have any further questions, please read the [government guidance](#) for more information.

Kind regards,

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