



# WARRINGTON

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Dear Parents and Carers

We wanted to write to you about the process of lateral flow testing which has recently been introduced to ensure that the provision of education can continue in the safest environment possible. The use of lateral flow tests will assist in identifying cases and outbreaks more effectively, helping to reduce the spread of the virus in the community and protecting those most vulnerable.

Lateral flow tests should be used by individuals not displaying any of the three main coronavirus symptoms below:

- New continuous cough and/or
- Fever (temperature of 37.8°C or higher)
- Loss of or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Parents and carers can access lateral flow testing at one of our asymptomatic test sites or alternatively [order home test kits](#). Lateral flow tests can also be collected from our local PCR test site at Academy Way. Our asymptomatic test sites are as follows:

- The Halliwell Jones Stadium
- Grappenhall Cricket Club (until 31<sup>st</sup> March)
- Grappenhall Parish Centre (from 1<sup>st</sup> April)
- Burtonwood Community Centre
- Croft Youth and Activity Centre
- Lymm Village Hall

The latest information regarding opening times can be obtained from the following link:  
[Asymptomatic community testing sites | warrington.gov.uk](#)

Positive lateral flow tests undertaken in either a controlled secondary school/college setting or one of the asymptomatic test sites listed above do not require a confirmatory PCR test, but do still require individuals, their household and close contacts to isolate for 10 days. Positive lateral flow tests undertaken at home will require a confirmatory PCR test. Isolation should continue until results are confirmed.

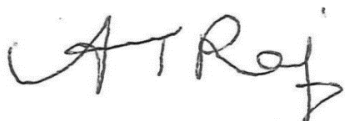
Regular lateral flow testing is most important to be carried out by families and we recommend this to be undertaken twice weekly. For example, you may want to test every Monday and Thursday.

Individuals who are displaying any of the three main symptoms should [book a PCR test](#) and should not use the lateral flow test.

It is vitally important for us to continue together in controlling the spread of the virus to ensure that our schools, colleges and child care settings can continue to offer education and care. This should include your child remaining at home if feeling unwell, everyone continuing to follow social distancing measures, washing hands thoroughly for 20 seconds and wearing face coverings where appropriate. We would urge you to continue to maintain covid secure behaviour outside and around your schools and child care settings when dropping off and picking up your children.

We would like to thank you for your continued support in these unprecedented circumstances.

Yours Faithfully



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