



Monday 8th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome all the children back to school this morning and hear the chatter of friends and learning across school!

I am writing to you to inform you about the testing which is available for families and people who work with children who are attending primary and secondary school. The guidance, states that 'primary school pupils will not be asked to test at this time'.

Further information for households regarding the use of lateral flow tests can be found here:

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

Asymptomatic testing for families of school-age children is a new programme called Community Collect. Any individuals who have sustained contact with school children will be eligible, including households of school children, members of support bubbles, childcare and those in related occupations.

We are encouraging parents to get tested twice a week, 3-4 days apart. Parents and carers can order kits at:

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Kits can also be collected. The Local Authority have advised us of the following collection points Darnton Road or Beeley Street between 1.30pm – 7pm. Other local collections sites can be found here:

<https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/findatestcenter.html>

The two pick-up sites mentioned above will close 12-1.30pm for a clean after being used for symptomatic testing in the morning. Please check the opening and closing times for alternative local sites as these may differ. Two packs at a time, each containing seven kits can be collected. The local Authority are working to make testing more accessible locally and I will communicate when we have more information on this to share.

Kind Regards

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