



# Cheriton Primary School

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Re: Rapid lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff

Dear Parents,

Following guidance released on 27th February <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

all parents will be eligible for twice weekly testing once your child returns to school. Please read the following carefully and click on the links to order your test kits or to organise a visit to a rapid lateral flow test site.

About 1 in 3 people with coronavirus do not have symptoms but can still pass it on to others. Regular testing of people without symptoms is important to help stop the virus spreading and protect your loved ones. As lockdown restrictions gradually ease we all need to play our part to help protect each other.

From 1 March 2021, if you are a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of school staff or a pupil, you can get a twice-weekly test:

- through your employer if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit online

### **Get a test through your employer**

Your workplace may offer rapid lateral flow testing to you. Contact your employer to find out more.

### **Take a test at a rapid lateral flow test site**

You can take a rapid lateral flow test at a local site. Testing at these sites is assisted, which means you will swab yourself under the supervision of a trained operator.

You may need to book an appointment.

[Find your nearest rapid lateral flow test site.](#)

### **Collect test kits**

You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Each pack contains 7 tests.



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Anyone 18 or over can collect. You can check online if the location is busy before you go.  
[Find your nearest home test kit collection point.](#)

### **Order home test kits online**

If you cannot get tested at your workplace, or are unable to go to a test site or collect test kits, you can order a home test kit online.

Do not order online if you can get a test through other methods. This frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

[Order rapid lateral flow home test kits](#)

### **What twice-weekly testing involves**

You will be asked to:

- take a test twice a week (every 3 or 4 days apart)
- report every result to NHS Test and Trace on the same day you take the test
- [Report your test result online](#) or by calling 119.

If anyone tests positive or gets coronavirus symptoms, they should tell the school and:

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

A negative result means the test did not find signs of coronavirus. But this does not guarantee you do not have coronavirus, so you should keep following all coronavirus advice including:

- regular handwashing
- social distancing
- wearing a face covering where recommended

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will do my best to assist you.

Kind regards

*Andrew*

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