



# St Ippolyts C.E. (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents,

## **Rapid lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff**

As you know, all our school staff have been undertaking twice weekly Covid tests for some time now. As schools reopen from next week, twice-weekly 'lateral flow' testing is being made available to other parents/carers/household members of children and staff to help to identify any asymptomatic carriers of coronavirus.

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.

The following people in England will have access to regular rapid lateral flow testing made available to them as schools reopen:

- secondary school pupils
- primary and secondary school staff
- **households, childcare and support bubbles of primary and secondary-age pupils**
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Primary school pupils will not be asked to test at this time.

From 1 March 2021, if you're a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil you can get a twice-weekly test. You can collect home-testing kits from a test collection centre or order online (*kits are not supplied by school*).

Please follow this link to find out how to access the tests and read more about what to do:

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

Taking part in the testing is entirely optional, but it goes without saying that the more people who test, the more likely we are to identify any early cases before it spreads amongst our school community.

Kind regards

**Mrs RE Peddie  
Headteacher**