



'Creating New Futures'

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Covid 19 testing

Dear Parent and Carers,

We would like to remind Parents and Carers of the current guidelines regarding Covid 19 testing.

There are 2 main types of test currently being used to detect if someone has COVID-19:

- polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests
- lateral flow device antigen (LFD) tests - also known as rapid lateral flow tests

How LFD tests work:

Rapid lateral flow tests help to find cases in people who may have no symptoms.

You can do the test at home and get a result in 15 to 30 minutes depending on the type of rapid lateral flow test you've taken.

Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms or a positive LFD test result should self-isolate immediately and get a PCR test.

How PCR tests work:

If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should arrange to have a PCR test as soon as possible. This still applies even if you have received one or more doses of COVID-19 vaccine.

If you or your child have any of these 3 coronavirus symptoms, even if mild, a PCR test is required:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- you've lost your sense of smell or taste or it's changed

You can order a PCR test kit to be sent to your home or book an appointment at a walk-in or drive-through test site.

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> This will be sent to a lab for testing and you should receive your result in 1-3 days.

Children with symptoms cannot return to school unless they have a negative PCR test result or have completed the 10 day isolation period.



If you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, you should stay at home and self-isolate unless you are fully vaccinated or aged under 18 years and 6 months.

We would like to thank our parents for doing everything they can to control the virus in our school.

Kind regards

Mr D More

Business Manager

The infographic is titled 'Covid-19 Testing' and is part of the NHS Test and Trace campaign. It is divided into two main sections: 'With symptoms' and 'Without symptoms'. The 'With symptoms' section is on the left, featuring a blue background and a test tube icon. It describes 'PCR' tests, when to take them (if you have symptoms or to confirm a positive lateral flow result), how long they take (processed in labs, up to 3 days), and where to get them (at home or at a test site). The 'Without symptoms' section is on the right, featuring a white background and a lateral flow test strip icon. It describes 'rapid lateral flow' tests, when to take them (if you do not have symptoms or as part of routine testing), how long they take (around 30 minutes), and where to get them (at home, at a test site, at work, at your nursery, at your secondary school, at your university, collect from a pharmacy, or order online). The NHS logo and 'Test and Trace' text are in the top right. The HM Government logo is in the top left. A call to action at the bottom center says 'Find out more at GOV.UK or call 119'.

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NHS
Test and Trace

Covid-19 Testing

With symptoms

'PCR' tests

When to take the test

- If you have Covid-19 symptoms
- To confirm your positive lateral flow test result

How long it takes

- These tests are processed in labs
- Up to 3 days, most results the next day

Get a test

- At home
- At a test site

Without symptoms

'rapid lateral flow' tests

When to take the test

- If you do not have symptoms of Covid-19
- As part of routine testing twice a week

How long it takes

- Result processed by test device
- Around 30 minutes

Get a test

- At home
- At a test site
- At work
- At your nursery
- At your secondary school
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