



'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 compares two types of tests: PCR tests and rapid lateral flow tests. The PCR section is on the left, featuring a test tube and a pipette. The rapid lateral flow section is on the right, featuring a test strip. The infographic includes the HM Government logo, the NHS Test and Trace logo, and a call to action at the bottom: "Find out more at GOV.UK or call 119".

**HM Government**

**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 your secondary school
- At a test site
- At your university
- At work
- Collect from a pharmacy
- At your nursery
- Order online

**Find out more at GOV.UK or call 119**

