

Dear Parents/Carers,

You may have seen on the news, that households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including childcare and support bubbles, are able to test themselves for Covid-19 twice every week at home as schools return from Monday 8th March. The twice-weekly kits can be accessed:

- via employers 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.

The school is unable to provide test kits to families.

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

Anyone aged 18 or over can collect two home test kits at a local collection point. Each kit contains seven tests. 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 the testing involves:

You will be asked to:

- take a test twice a week - we suggest Sundays (starting 7th March) and Wednesdays
- 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 contact the school straight away (01474 365737 or office@st-botolphs.kent.sch.uk) 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. 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

Thank you for helping to keep our school community safe.

Kind regards

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