



Headteacher  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Re: Lateral Flow Testing**

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It is great to see all pupils back in school this week and we have been impressed with how they have settled back into class.

As you know our staff are carrying out regular Lateral Flow tests. These tests will help us to identify any asymptomatic staff as quickly as possible, so we can stop the spread of the virus and allow more people to remain in school.

Additionally, to further reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 within schools the Government is recommending that members of a household of school staff or school age children, also take a free twice-weekly test. This also applies if you are part of a support or childcare bubble to school age children. Bracknell Forest Council is in the process of setting up Community Collection sites throughout the borough and will announce when these are operational but, in the meantime, these tests are available:

- through your employer if they offer testing to employees
- at a local [Community Test Site](#) (see below)
- by collecting a home test kit from Bracknell Leisure Centre
- by ordering a home [test kit online \(see below\)](#)

#### **Take a test at a Community Testing Site**

You can take a rapid lateral flow test by booking an appointment at a local [Rapid Testing](#) site. Testing at these sites is assisted, which means you will swab yourself under the supervision of a trained operator.

#### **Collect test kits**

You can collect two packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Each pack contains seven tests. Anyone 18 or over can collect. The Bracknell Leisure Centre testing site is open daily for collection from 1.30pm to 7pm. You can check [online](#) if the location is open or busy before you go. You do not need to make an appointment. Do not visit a collection point outside opening hours, as it is used to test people with coronavirus symptoms outside these times.

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

If you 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 (three or four 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 via GOV.UK.
- 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

Please do not attend any community testing, workplace testing or collection site if you have COVID-19 symptoms. If you have symptoms you must isolate immediately alongside your household and request a PCR test via GOV.UK.

We urge all parents and carers to carry out these free tests to help keep our school community safe and our children receiving valuable education.

Yours sincerely



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