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Dear Parents/Carers,

COVID LATERAL FLOW TEST FOR FAMILIES

You may have heard that the government have now announced that adults living in households, childcare and support bubbles of primary-age pupils are able to access rapid COVID-19 lateral flow tests twice a week to reduce the risk of viral transmission in schools. This is a voluntary testing programme.

THE TESTS ARE FOR ADULT USE ONLY - NOT PRIMARY AGED CHILDREN.

The rapid lateral flow tests should be completed twice a week in your own home and give a result in 30 minutes. The tests are particularly **useful for finding asymptomatic cases** so that people can isolate where they otherwise wouldn't have known they had COVID-19. Cases **where the person displays no COVID-19 symptoms** account for about 1 in 3 (approximately 30%) of all COVID-19 cases. Nationally, these tests have been successful in identifying many asymptomatic cases whilst schools have been open to key worker children during national lockdown.

If you would like the adults in your household, childcare or support bubble to conduct twice-weekly COVID-19 lateral flow tests, then you will need to apply for tests through the following channels:

- through your employer 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

If you are unable to collect the tests in person then you can apply for test kits to be sent to your house in the post. There are limited stocks of postal tests so it is best to only use this method if you can't collect tests in person. Click on the link below to get tests delivered to your home:

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

It is important to note that these tests DO NOT replace the normal PCR COVID-19 tests and that if you have any COVID-19 symptoms, you should still book a PCR test at one of the local tests centres.

For further information regarding rapid COVID-19 lateral flow testing for households of primary-aged children, then please look on the government information site below:

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

Kind regards,

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