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COVID-19 self-test kit collection trial

Dear parent/carer,

Regular, rapid testing for people without symptoms is already taking place across the country. Households, including support and childcare bubbles, of nursery, school and college age children are eligible to take part in this testing.

We are currently working with the Department for Health and Social Care to trial a new method of collecting self-test LFD kits as part of this testing programme. **We would like to invite all households who are currently connected to the school to take part**. This would allow all members of households to collect test kits for twice weekly testing via the school.

Why testing is important

As many as one in three people who contract the virus show no symptoms (they are asymptomatic), so could be spreading the disease unknowingly. Asymptomatic testing will help to identify positive cases more quickly and break the chains of transmission. Those who test positive will self-isolate, helping to reduce transmission of the virus.

How this trial will work

From week commencing Monday 19th April households who agree to take part in the trial will be able to collect self-test kits which enable testing at home. This will enable all members of the household to carry out twice weekly testing. Tests are free of charge and will be provided by us at school.

Taking the Test

The lateral flow device (LFD) test will produce results after 30 minutes and do not require laboratory processing. You can find guidance on how to conduct self-testing in the 'Instructions for Use' leaflet which comes with the test kit and at [COVID-19 self-test help - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/covid-19-self-test-help). Here is a [useful video](#) to show you how to administer the test.

Reporting the Test

Once the test has been conducted you will need to log the test result online at: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid-19-result>. Please note that searching for a school name on the site currently doesn't work well. Please use the postcode of the school to search instead, which is WF9 4AB.

You can also report your test results by calling the phone number in your test kit's instructions.

How you will receive your self-test kits

Self-test kits will be distributed to the child who attends the academy to transport home. You will receive an email notification using the email address provided on the day that the kits have been given to the child to transport to the home address. Testing kits will not be distributed until week commencing Monday 19th April.

How we will gather feedback on the study

Researchers from the Department for Health and Social Care are looking to speak to parents and other members of household bubbles in order to understand their thoughts and experiences of this study. They will be conducting telephone or video interviews throughout the course of the study and are **interested in speaking with parents who don't opt to take part as well as those that do**. They will also be conducting a survey to gather more thoughts from the school community that will be shared in due course. If you would like to take part in an interview and share your thoughts, please click on this [link \(https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/JY7UZ2/\)](https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/JY7UZ2/) and one of the researchers may get in touch with you.

What you need to do next

- To request self-test kits for you and your household bubble please complete the form that can be found at the following link: <https://forms.gle/jBRuWBYSsgAqYT5m9>. Please ensure that you have submitted your interest by 9am on Monday 19th April.
- If you would like to share your thoughts about home testing (even if you do not wish to take part) click [here](#) (or on the link above) to let the researchers from the Department for Health and Social Care know and they will get in touch with you.

Yours faithfully,



Toby Rutter
Principal