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Dear Parents and Carers

This is an exciting time to bring our school communities back together and we would also like to reassure you that we continue to work to all of the guidance to ensure our schools are as safe as they can possibly be.

As part of this you may have seen that the government has announced the further roll-out of lateral flow testing (LFT) for wider members of the school community and this includes households, childcare and support bubbles of primary and secondary-age pupils and staff.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Our school staff have had access to this testing since it was made available and the process has been very straightforward, safe, easy to administer and has added to the level of safety in our schools and we thank all staff that have been able to engage with this process.

As you are a household with a primary school aged child in it – you and <u>other adults</u> in your household who do not have symptoms are eligible to access testing in the following ways:

• 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 and you may need to book an appointment. You can follow this link to <u>find your nearest rapid</u> <u>lateral flow test site</u>. *The closest test site is Great Hollands Pavilion*.

• Collect test kits

You can collect packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Each pack contains 7 tests. Anyone 18 or over can collect. Most collection points are open 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. You can follow this link to <u>find your nearest home test kit</u> <u>collection point</u>. *The closest collection centre is Bracknell Leisure Centre*.

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. This service launched on 1 March and you can order via this link: https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests

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
- follow the stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection

As always, we are here to support you and thank you for all you continue to do, not just to support the education and wellbeing of all children but for keeping our schools safe.

Yours sincerely

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