

Re: Covid19 - Home testing

Dear families,

If you previously provided consent for your child to take part in lateral flow testing at the school, today they will arrive home with a home testing kit to continue regular testing.

The testing kit contains three tests. This is enough tests to support testing until the start of the Easter break. Further testing kits will be distributed after the Easter break.



What do we need to do? :

- READ the accompanying leaflet carefully before testing.
- SUPPORT your child in testing themselves for Covid19 at least once every five days.
- FOLLOW the step-by-step instructions in the accompanying leaflet.
- LOG the result of the test with NHS Track & Trace (instructions for how to do this are in the leaflet).
- INFORM the school if your child returns a positive test.

Testing saves lives. A positive test early in the course of Covid19 enables individuals to isolate themselves – reducing the chance of them infecting others and allowing them to seek treatment earlier.

Taking measures to prevent the spread of infection is one of the most effective strategies for getting us all safely back to normal life.

If your child develops symptoms at any time (such as a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste) they must immediately self-isolate **and not attend school**. You can book a test by visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or one of the many local testing sites available in Waltham Forest and other boroughs.

If any of this information is unclear, please contact the school and we will do our best to support you.

Yours faithfully,

J McQuaid

Head Teacher

Mobile test sites in Waltham Forest offering Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests for residents with symptoms:

Stanley Road car park, Leyton E10 7EQ:

- Open every day between 7am to 9pm

Linford Road car park, Walthamstow E17 3LS:

- Open every day 7.30am to 8.30pm

Church Lane car park, Leytonstone E11 1HG:

Please note: this site is walk-in only.

- Open every day from 8am to 8pm