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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Covid-19

There are now two types of COVID test available for use in different circumstances.

#### PCR Tests

This test should be taken when a person shows any symptoms of COVID.

- a high temperature of 37.8 or above
- a new continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

Walk in and drive through test results are coming back much quicker than the postal tests.

#### Lateral Flow Tests

- These tests can be taken on a regular basis, usually twice a week, to identify people contagious with COVID but showing no symptoms.
- **These tests are taken by people who are well and showing no symptoms.**
- These tests are not as sensitive as the PCR tests.

Our school staff have been using lateral flow tests since January. They provide an extra layer of protection.

Primary school children are not obliged to take these tests. However, tests are now freely available to families and support bubbles with primary aged children in them. We encourage you to consider taking these regular tests for that extra layer of protection.

You can collect lateral flow tests from a testing site or order them to be delivered to your home.

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

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