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### **Asymptomatic home testing for families**

Dear Parents / Carers,

On Sunday 28 February, the Department of Health and Social Care announced that from Monday 1 March, households with primary school, secondary school and college age children and staff, including childcare and support bubbles, can test themselves twice every week at home as schools return from Monday 8 March. The twice-weekly test kits are not available from school but can be accessed:

- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit online

At present, the testing kits can be collected from the sites below **during the stated hours only**. Further collection points will be available soon.

Town	Venue	Times
Macclesfield	COVID-19 Test Centre SITE: LTS612 Macclesfield Commercial Road Car Park SK10 2QJ	<b>1.30pm – 7pm Monday-Sunday</b>
Crewe	Local Test site 121 Crewe Chester Street car park CW1 2ER	<b>1.30pm – 7pm Monday-Sunday</b>

There is an instruction booklet with the test kit, clearly explaining the process. Once a result is returned, these need to be logged via the NHS website. If your result is positive, you should isolate and follow up by booking a confirmatory PCR test.

These Lateral Flow Tests are for those who do not have symptoms and should not be used if you display any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should arrange to have a PCR test if you have not already had one. Stay at home while you are waiting for a home self-sampling kit, a test site appointment, or a test result and inform the school.

Even if you are doing the twice weekly lateral flow tests, the same rules continue to apply: if you begin to show symptoms then you, along with everyone in your household, should self-isolate and inform the school immediately. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

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Headteacher