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Dear Parents and Carers

RE: COVID - Home testing kits

I thought it would be helpful to provide another update on the latest government information on wider testing of households with pupils at school.

As you may be aware, none of our pupils are being asked to test at this time as it is only secondary school students that are being tested under the latest government guidance.

Please see below some national information around testing which we thought it would be helpful to share with you.

As you will be aware, NHS Test and Trace has announced that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below. Secondary school and college students will access home test kits through their school or college.

The tests are being made available as undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

There are different ways for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- From an employer if they offer testing to employees;
- Community Testing via asymptomatic testing site – in Wiltshire these are at Devizes/Salisbury/Chippenham and Trowbridge – more detail is here [COVID-19: Community testing - Wiltshire Council](#)
- By collecting a home test kit from a Collection Point (RTS / LTS / MTU / CT); In Wiltshire these are at The Greyhound in Trowbridge and The Beehive in Salisbury
- By ordering a home test kit online

More information on this Government-run programme, including how to get access to the tests, can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

If you have any queries about the tests you can call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

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

Testing is voluntary, but it is strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

Please do not contact your child's school directly regarding household testing, as unfortunately we are unable to provide any further information than that shared above.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Passmore', written in a cursive style.

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