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## Stockland Green School



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Dear Parents/Carers

The government are asking all secondary and college aged students to continue with home testing now that students have been offered two tests in school at the start of the term.

About 1 in 3 people with Covid-19 do not have symptoms but can still infect others. Students should do a rapid test twice a week (every 3 to 4 days) to check if they have the virus. If people test positive and self-isolate, it helps stop the virus spreading.

### Testing students at home

Students who have had two rapid tests in school will be given test kits later this week. We would like students to take their tests on **Sunday and Wednesday evening before bed.**

You will also need to tell school the result of each test and you should do this by completing the [online form](#).

Tests are free of charge. Students will receive a pack of tests in a box with an instruction leaflet on how to take the test and report the results.

You must report all test results to both NHS Test and Trace **and** to school, for tests carried out both in term time and during school holidays. To report results to school, you should complete our [online form](#) and to report to NHS Test and Trace, please follow [this link](#) to the website.

### Taking the test

Students should take the test twice a week until further notice. A leaflet with instructions on how to do the test is included with the test kit. There is also a useful NHS video to show how to take the test [here](#).

[Help and support is available](#) online, including instructions in different languages on how to test and report the results.



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There is no need to keep used test equipment after the test result has been reported. All test kit waste can be disposed of in a normal bin (household waste).

Home self-testing does not replace symptomatic testing. If anyone has symptoms of Covid-19, they should self-isolate immediately, book a PCR test at a local test site and follow national guidelines.

### What should you do after taking the test?

If the rapid flow test result is **positive**, students should:

- self-isolate straight away – [check if people you live with need to self-isolate](#)
- [report rapid lateral flow test result](#) as soon as possible.
- get a PCR test (a test that is sent to a lab) to confirm your result – [get a PCR test to check if they have Covid-19 on GOV.UK](#)
- Continue to self-isolate until they get the result of the PCR test. Follow the advice you're given when you get the result.

The result of each test, be that positive, negative or void, needs to be reported using the NHS Test & Trace self-report website: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>, or by calling the telephone number given in the test kit instruction leaflet if you do not have access to the internet. You will **also** need to tell the school the result of each test using our [online form](#).

If the result of the test at home is **unclear (void)**, a second test should be done.

If the result of the test at home is **negative**, students can continue to come to school as normal.

If anyone in your household gets symptoms of the virus they should follow [national guidelines on self-isolation and testing](#).

### Why take part

Taking part in testing is voluntary and all students will be able to attend school whether they take part in testing or not. We are strongly encouraging all students to take part. Testing at home will allow your child and other students to attend Stockland Green School as safely as possible. Please contact the school office if you have any questions or concerns about home testing.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs George  
Headteacher

## **Some frequently asked questions**

### **Do I need to give consent?**

Students and parents do not give written consent to take part in the home testing programme. Participation in home testing is optional and consent is given by opting to take part.

### **Can my child take the test themselves?**

Students aged 12-17 should do the test themselves with adult supervision. The adult may help the student to take the test if they need support.

Students aged 11 must be tested by an adult and the adult must report the result.

### **My child has already tested positive for COVID-19. Do they still need to do the tests at home?**

If someone has recently (within 90 days) had a positive PCR test for COVID-19, they are likely to have developed some immunity. Individuals are exempt from testing by both PCR and LFD within 90 days of a positive PCR test, unless they develop new symptoms.

If individuals choose to take an LFD test after the isolation period and they test positive, they will still be required to self-isolate for 10 days, or longer if symptomatic.

### **Reporting problems or issues with testing**

If there is an issue with the test kit, for example something is missing, please report it by calling **119** and please also tell us in school.

If an accident or injury happens whilst using the test kit, please seek medical care by calling 111 (or 999 if it is an emergency). Please also report what happened using this website:

<https://coronavirus-yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk/>

### **What type of tests will be used?**

Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests are used in the home testing kits.

### **Can I or someone else in my household use a test kit sent home from school?**

No, but anyone who does not have symptoms can get regular rapid lateral flow tests to check for Covid-19 and you can order tests to do at home in the following ways:

- You can get rapid lateral flow test kits sent to your home - [Order rapid lateral flow home test kits on GOV.UK](#)
- Pick up tests from a pharmacy. You can collect up to 2 packs of 7 rapid tests from a local pharmacy - [Find a pharmacy near you where you can collect rapid tests](#)  
(Please note - From 4 October 2021, you'll need a collect code when you pick up your tests from pharmacies. A collect code matches your details to the test kits you collect from a pharmacy.) This service will be available from 1 October 2021.)
- Pick up tests from test sites. Some test sites have stopped providing home test kits for collection. But you'll still be able to pick up tests from collection points run by community organisations, like libraries – [Find a test collection point near you](#)

- Go to a test site. You can get tested at a rapid lateral flow test site. If you go to a test site:
  - you may need an appointment, so check before you go
  - a trained helper might be able to help you do the test
  - you'll get a text or email with the result when it's ready – [Find where to get a rapid lateral flow test](#)

Further guidance on home testing can be found on the NHS website at [this link](#)