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## Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college

Dear Parents and Carers,

**You may be aware that** NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children **without** symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

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 these tests. This includes childcare and support bubbles. **Please note, these tests are for the parents of school age children, primary age children themselves are not expected to be tested.**

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through a person's employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – families have been asked not to order online if they can access testing through other routes as this frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

**Please note, we as a school do not supply testing kits to families.** 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.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. The Government have advised that alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hanratty

