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Dear Parents / Carers,

Home COVID-19 Testing Kits

Families are now able to collect Lateral Flow home testing kits if they meet any of the following criteria:

- Someone in their household works at or volunteers at a school
- They have a child that attends either Primary or Secondary School

The tests should be used twice a week.

Please click on the link below to order twice weekly home testing kits.

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

Families can collect tests from the following sites at between 1:30 and 7pm each day:

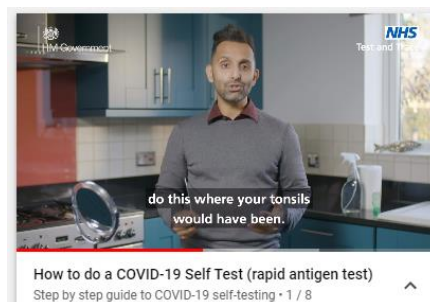
- Testing site at Centenary Square, Bradford
- Testing site at Bradford University
- Keighley Victoria Hall
- Testing Site at Cavendish Street, Skipton

See below for key information about test collection:

- You do not have to book an appointment
- You do not need any paperwork or ID
- You do need to wear a face covering (unless you are exempt)
- You do need to follow social distancing
- You must be 18 or over to collect tests
- You can take up to 4 packs of tests (7 tests in a pack) depending on the size of your household

Click on the link below to watch a tutorial video showing you how to test at home.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9XR8RZxKNo&list=PLvaBZskxS7tzQYIVg7lwH5uxAD9UrSzGJ>





What?

Asymptomatic testing helps to identify and isolate people who show no signs of having COVID-19.

We are using antigen lateral flow device (LFD) tests, which are highly specific meaning that only a small proportion of people who do not have COVID-19 will receive a positive result.

Extensive clinical evaluation from Public Health England and the University of Oxford shows that LFD tests are appropriate for large-scale population testing, including for asymptomatic people.



How?

Using at home Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test kits, which do not require laboratory processing and produce a quick result in about 30 minutes.

If the result is positive, a confirmatory PCR test is required as well as self-isolation following current public health advice.

If the result is negative, national and local rules and guidelines must be followed including regular handwashing, social distancing and wearing face coverings, where required.



Why?

The ultimate aim of testing is to break the chain of transmission of COVID-19. As many as one in three people with COVID-19 show no signs of having it, that is they are "asymptomatic". Testing regularly helps stop the virus spreading.



When?

Testing should take place twice a week, every three - four days, ideally in the morning. This was introduced week commencing 25 January 2021.



Who?

The Department for Education expects all staff working on site in primary schools, schools-based nurseries and maintained nursery schools to be offered LFD home testing kits. Testing is on a voluntary basis. Private, voluntary and independent nurseries and child minders can be tested through community testing programmes where available.



For more information

Please visit www.nhs.uk/coronavirus for more information about COVID-19.