



# Colton Hills Community School

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## Lateral Flow Testing – At Home

Dear Parent/Carer

As you are probably aware over the last week or so we have been conducting Lateral Flow (LFD) tests in school. During that time, we have done over 2500 tests which is a remarkable achievement.

The next stage in the government's testing plan is that children and staff in schools will be supplied with LFD test kits to take home so that they can test themselves twice a week for the foreseeable future.

This will enable all members of the school community to feel safe in the knowledge that asymptomatic carriers of COVID-19 will be identified early and by self-isolating in line with guidance will help to stop the spread of the virus.

**Therefore, this afternoon your child will come home with 2 packs of Lateral Flow Test kits. Each pack contains enough equipment to do 3 tests, and so altogether your child will have 6 tests to take at home in this first stage of home testing.**

As well as everything that you need to conduct the test (see image below), your child will also receive a booklet with detailed information on how to take the test themselves.

If you feel that your child will be unable to conduct the test at home with assistance from yourself, you [can request that the school conduct a test](#). However, testing capacity in school will be scaled back and we will only be offering a limited service. Please fill out this form if this is something that you will need to access.

We have put together the following Frequently Asked Questions to assist and support you with the home testing process.

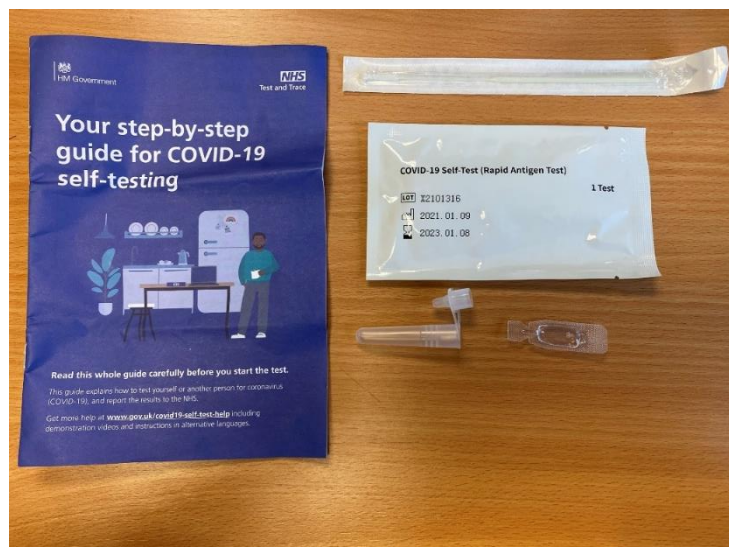
### What's in the box?

Each box contains –

- 3 x swabs
- 3 x packets containing rapid test strip
- 3 x plastic tubes containing buffer liquid
- 3 x plastic tubes with lid
- 3 x disposal bags
- 1 x instruction booklet

Each box is enough for 3 tests.

(Image shows 1 set of test items)





## When does my child need to take the test?

Your child should take a test on the following dates

Test number	Date of test
1	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2021
2	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
3	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
4	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021
5	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
6	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2021

## Do I have to report the results?

Yes, if your child has taken a Lateral Flow test at home you need to report the results to both the Government and the School, whether the result is positive or negative.

Link to Government Reporting site – <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

Link to school reporting form – [Result reporting form](#)

## What if the test result is positive?

If your child receives a positive test result, they and all members of your household will need to self-isolate for 10 days and also arrange to have a confirmatory PCR test.

## What if the PCR test is positive?

Continue with the period of self-isolation, along with anyone in your household.

## What if the PCR test is negative?

Your child no longer needs to self-isolate and can return to school. Other members of your household can also return to work or school.

## My child has COVID symptoms, can they take an at home LFD?

No, if they are showing any COVID symptoms you should arrange to have a PCR test as soon as possible. If that test comes back positive your child and all other members of your household need to isolate for 10 days. If it is negative, your child does not need to self-isolate, and they can return to school.

## What if I run out of tests before the next test is due?

If you need additional tests due to void/damaged tests, please contact [covidinfo@coltonhills.co.uk](mailto:covidinfo@coltonhills.co.uk) and we will arrange for additional tests to be sent home.

### In summary

- Please make sure that your child completes the 6 tests on the dates listed above
- Report the results to <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>
- Report the results to the school via [the results form](#)