



22nd April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Further Clarification on Lateral Flow Tests

We have been asked by a few parents about whether or not children need to be tested regularly at home using the Lateral Flow Tests that have been made available to families, so we wanted to send out some further clarification to all parents.

It remains the parent's decision as to whether or not they test their primary school aged child on a regular basis using the Lateral Flow Tests. This asymptomatic testing is only mandatory for secondary school aged pupils. Many of our families are choosing to test their primary aged child on a regular basis, however this remains optional.

What we do now ask is that if you are testing your child twice a week, you do one of the tests on a Monday morning before school. This way any asymptomatic cases can be picked up before the child comes into school on the Monday morning. The way it works when a child tests positive using a Lateral Flow Test is that all contacts of that child within the two full **days** before the test was taken will be told to self-isolate whilst they await the results of their confirmatory PCR test. Therefore, if you test your child on a Monday morning before they come into school then this will not lead to a bubble closure if they test positive, as they won't have been in school for either of the two full days (ie. Saturday and Sunday) before taking the test.

Finally, an animated video has been made by Public Health England (PHE), which provides an introduction to the use of lateral flow tests in 12 additional languages and British Sign Language. The languages available are Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, Gujarati, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Romanian, Somali, Turkish, Urdu and Welsh. The videos can be found here: <https://coronavirusresources.phe.gov.uk/back-to-school/resources/translations/>

Kind regards,

Ellie Linton
Communications & Marketing Manager



Inspiration & Success

