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Dear Parents and Carers

LATERAL FLOW TESTING UPDATE LETTER

As promised, this is the additional information about the tests. All the information that you need is also on the school website link below including the **privacy statement** and **capturing the test result**.

<https://www.southallschool.com/covid-testing/>

Privacy Statement

This is something we are required to send to you so that you understand what we are doing with your personal information.

Consent

We do not need written consent, but we do need to know whether you want a home testing kit sent home. To centralise this information, we have created a new email address named covid.testing@southallschool.com, where you can email us your testing request.

Once we are in receipt of our home testing kits, we will endeavour to get these to you promptly. It is predicted the test kits will arrive sometime next week. The test kit will include instructions on what to do.

Doing the test

We appreciate that the testing process can seem overwhelming at first for you as a parent but also your child. To help with this we have included the following on the website:

- A schedule of the testing process
- A Makaton video explaining the testing process (to be uploaded shortly)
- A social story of why we test

Pupils who have tested positive in the last 90 days do not have to undertake testing but can if they wish. If they test positive, they will need to isolate as with any other positive result.



Capturing the test result

When you have taken the test, you need to inform Public Health of the result. The link is in the booklet. However, you also need to inform the school by clicking on the website link <https://www.southhallschool.com/covid-testing/> and complete the form named *Lateral Flow test – Link for Completion form*. The form asks for the following:

- The person's name who is completing the test
- Date of birth
- Test result
- Date of test
- Reported to NHS

Access to household testing

The following information has been provided by Telford and Wrekin.

Households, childcare and support bubbles of primary, secondary and college staff can also be tested. Twice-weekly testing will also be offered to adults working in the wider school community, including bus drivers and after school club leaders.

The twice-weekly test kits in Telford and Wrekin (for people feeling well, with no coronavirus symptoms - in the above-mentioned groups) can be accessed as follows:

By going to a community-test site

You can have a rapid test at one of the three Council-run test sites (in Oakengates, Madeley and Newport) or participating pharmacies. Testing at these sites is assisted, which means you will swab yourself under the supervision of a trained operator. To book a rapid test appointment, go to rapidtest.telford.gov.uk

By collecting a home test kit from an NHS "Test & Trace" site

In Telford and Wrekin, there are 5 NHS "Test & Trace" sites – tests can be collected from these sites between 1pm and 7pm:

- Ironbridge Park and Ride, Off A4169, TF4 3QE
- Legges Way Car Park - Legges Way, Madeley, TF7 5UD
- The Place Car Park, The Place New Street, Oakengates, TF2 6ET (*Please note: This is the Walk-In Centre on the Car Park, not the rapid test centre at The Place.*)
- Donnington Wood Bowling Club, School Road, Donnington (Telford), TF2 8HU
- Wrekin Road Car Park, Wellington, TF1 1YZ

Anyone aged 18 or over can collect testing kits - there is no need to book an appointment to collect your testing kit, you can just turn up. You can collect up to 4 home test kits, each kit contains 7 tests.

You can check online if the location is busy before you go. Tests can be collected from any of the [test centres shown on the NHS map](#) [Find your nearest home test kit collection point](#)

By contacting your employer if your employer provides testing

Some employers may be offering rapid testing, please check with your employer to see if this option is available to you.

By ordering online a home test kit

If you cannot get tested at your workplace, or are unable to go to a test site or collect test kits, you can [order online](#) a home test kit. Please do not order online if you can get a test through other methods. This frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

Mass testing will be crucial to keeping the school open and I would urge all families to participate in home testing to support keeping coronavirus out of our school.

If you have any questions, please contact the office as I understand that at present things may seem a little daunting.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Abi Martin