



24 March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had some enquires from parents regarding which coronavirus (COVID-19) test should be used for pupils showing symptoms:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

PCR tests should be used in all cases when any of the above symptoms are exhibited.

PCR Tests

PCR tests are processed in a laboratory. Anyone with symptoms is eligible for a PCR test and this can be arranged via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

Lateral Flow Tests

Unfortunately we cannot accept a negative lateral flow test result as evidence that a child with symptoms or member of the same household does not have coronavirus (COVID-19). Lateral flow tests are designed to help identify coronavirus (COVID-19) in people who are asymptomatic. These are the tests that are often taken at home and results are usually available within 30 minutes.

If anyone in your household experiences any symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) please arrange a PCR test as soon as possible. All members of the household must self-isolate as soon as symptoms are identified and until a negative PCR test result is received.

Should your child or any other member of your household experience any of the above symptoms please do not attend the school site and advise the school office as soon as possible.

For the full advice please see the following Gov.uk webpage: <https://www.gov.uk/getting-tested-for-coronavirus>.

Kind regards,

Susanne Ottens
Headteacher

