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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have been contacted by the Department for Health and Social Care and Community test site operators to advise you of the guidance to follow if you want to take a Lateral Flow Test.

If you would like to have a rapid lateral flow test you can either:

- Go to a local LFT testing site. Testing at these sites is assisted, which means you will swab yourself under the supervision of a trained operator. You may need to book an appointment. [Find your nearest rapid lateral flow test site.](#)
- You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a local collection point and take them home to do. Each pack contains 7 tests. Anyone 18 or over can collect. Most collection points are open from 1.30pm to 7pm. You MUST check online if the location is open or busy before you go. You do not need to make an appointment but please do not visit a collection point outside opening hours, as it may be used to test people with coronavirus symptoms outside these times.

Collection sites are as follows:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Site Name</u>
Swale	Bridge Road Car Park
Tonbridge & Malling	Ditton Youth Centre Car Park, Kiln Barn Road, Aylesford
Folkestone	The Stadium Car Park, Church Road, Folkestone
Dartford	Car Park at Acacia Hall
Maidstone	Shepway Green Youth Centre Car Park, Cumberland Ave
Margate	Dreamland Car Park (LTS & RTS)
Gravesham	Lord Street Car Park, Gravesend
Canterbury	Car Park Gate 6, North Holmes Road, or University of Kent Rutherford Car park
Medway	Jellicoe Building car park

- You can order a home test kit online but please do not order online if you can get a test through one of the other methods; this frees up home delivery for those who need it most.



Home testing of household members is designed to pick up asymptomatic infections for family members including older children who are not accessing testing via their secondary schools, college, university or workplace that otherwise wouldn't be discovered.

These Lateral Flow Tests should **not be used for primary aged children** in your household. Should your Phoenix child be symptomatic you should isolate and book a PCR test which has a higher rate of reliability. Book a test here for symptomatic members of a household:

<https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/essential-worker>

Full guidance on testing can be found here:

[\[http://Rapid%2olateral%2oflow%2otesting%2ofor%2ohouseholds%2oand%2obubbles%2oof%2oschool%2opupils%2oand%2ostaff%2o-%2oGOV.UK%2o\(www.gov.uk\)\]](http://Rapid%2olateral%2oflow%2otesting%2ofor%2ohouseholds%2oand%2obubbles%2oof%2oschool%2opupils%2oand%2ostaff%2o-%2oGOV.UK%2o(www.gov.uk)]) Rapid lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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