



Woodstone Community Primary School

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Rapid Lateral Flow testing for households of primary pupils

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of the Government's plan for reopening schools next week, the Department of Health are widening their offer of rapid lateral flow testing (LFT) for coronavirus. LFT is already in place in secondary schools and for primary school staff. The staff here at Woodstone have already been testing at home twice weekly but this is now being made available to:

- households, childcare and support bubbles of primary and secondary-age pupils
- households, childcare and support bubbles of primary and secondary staff

Primary school children will not be asked to test at this time.

What is lateral flow testing?

Lateral Flow Device (LFD) testing is a fast and simple way to test people who do not have symptoms of COVID-19, but who may still be spreading the virus. The tests are easy to use and give results in 30 minutes. Those who test positive must immediately self-isolate to avoid passing the virus on to others and book a PCR coronavirus test to confirm the result.

Why is lateral flow testing being offered?

About 1 in 3 people with coronavirus do not have symptoms but can still pass it on to others. Regular testing of people without symptoms is important to help stop the virus spreading and protect others. As lockdown restrictions gradually ease we are all being encouraged to play our part to help protect each other.

You can find out more about how to administer LFT here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/understanding-lateral-flow-antigen-testing-for-people-without-symptoms>

How do I get a lateral flow test?

From 1 March 2021, if you're a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil you can get a twice-weekly test:

- through your employer if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit online

Where possible, participants are being encouraged to collect test kits from the nearest local test site in order to free up home delivery slots for those who need it most. The closest test site to Ravenstone is:

NW Leicestershire District Council Car Park
London Road
Coalville
LE673FJ



What does LFT involve?

LFT is optional but if you choose to be involved you will be asked to:

- take a test twice a week (every 3 or 4 days apart)
- report every result to NHS Test and Trace on the same day you take the test

What happens if someone tests positive?

If anyone tests positive or gets coronavirus symptoms, they should tell the school and:

- self-isolate immediately
- get a PCR test to confirm the result
- follow the [stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection](#)

A negative result means the test did not find signs of coronavirus. But this does not guarantee you do not have coronavirus, so you should keep following all [coronavirus advice](#) including:

- regular handwashing
- social distancing
- wearing a face covering where recommended

To order LFD testing kits, follow this link: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff?utm_source=1%20March%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

Whilst participating in lateral flow testing is optional, we are working hard to keep the school, our staff and the children as safe as possible and would therefore encourage you to take part if you can.

Any questions please feel free to contact the school office and we will do our best to answer them.

Kind regards

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