

5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents

**Re: Asymptomatic Lateral Flow Tests for households of school pupils**

Milton Keynes Council have asked us to provide families with the following information:-

On Sunday 28 February, the Department of Health and Social Care announced that [all households with children of school age can test themselves twice a week at home](#) as schools open to all pupils from next Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Households, childcare and support bubbles of primary, secondary and college staff can also be tested.

The twice-weekly test kits can be accessed:

- via employers - if they offer testing to their employees
- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit online

The link - [Rapid lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff](#) provides further information about who can be tested and how to get a test.

At that link, it states:-

**Members of households, childcare or support bubbles of school staff and pupils**

This section does not apply to secondary school pupils, and primary and secondary school staff, who should take twice-weekly tests using home test kits provided by their school.

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

*Get a test through your employer*

Your workplace may offer rapid lateral flow testing to you. Contact your employer to find out more.

*Take a test at a rapid lateral flow test site*

You can take a rapid lateral flow test at a local 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.](#)

#### *Collect test kits*

You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Each pack contains 7 tests.

Anyone 18 or over can collect.

Most collection points are open from 1.30pm to 7pm. You can check online if the location is open or busy before you go. You do not need to make an appointment.

Do not visit a collection point outside opening hours, as it may be used to test people with coronavirus symptoms outside these times.

[Find your nearest home test kit collection point.](#)

#### *Order home test kits online*

If you cannot get tested at your workplace, or are unable to go to a test site or collect test kits, you can order a home test kit online.

Do not order online if you can get a test through other methods. This frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

[Order rapid lateral flow home test kits](#)

If you need any help with this information, please contact me at [stmonicas@st-monicas.co.uk](mailto:stmonicas@st-monicas.co.uk)

Kind regards,

***Mr O'Malley***

***Headteacher***