

Dear all,

As you know staff are allocated Lateral flow tests that they take twice a week.

We have now been asked by the Department for Health and Social Care to help with piloting a new home testing service for families who have children attending school. We feel this is a very positive initiative, particularly given that primary age children are not currently being tested when they do not have symptoms. This is not mandatory, but is an option if you would like to access it.

Families will be able to access a link to order a box of 7 home test kits for their household. **To be used by the adults in the household, not the primary aged children.**

Help trial a new online ordering service for COVID-19 home test kits

Dear all

Households with primary, secondary school or college age children, their [childcare](#) and [support](#) bubbles will be asked to start twice weekly at home or workplace testing, as schools return.

We would like you to help us check that a new online ordering service is working ok.

It's for coronavirus (COVID-19) rapid lateral flow tests.

You order them online and they get delivered to your home.

Check you can take part

You can only take part if:

- + you, your household or bubble do not have coronavirus symptoms
- + you, your household or bubble have not been told to self-isolate

[What are the symptoms of coronavirus](#)

If you can take part

Use the online service to order one pack of tests.

Do this any time on 26, 27 or 28 February.

The link to the online service is at the end of this email.

Important:

- + only place one order
- + stock is limited so try again the next day if you need to
- + you'll be able to order more when the national service is launched on 1 March
- + read the rest of this email before ordering

What you need to know

Around 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 do not have symptoms.

A rapid lateral flow test is a fast and simple way to test people who do not have symptoms, but who may still be spreading the virus. It is a swab test, and you can get a result in 30 minutes (no need to send a sample to a lab).

[Watch a video: how to use a rapid lateral flow test](#)

From 1 March more information will be available on GOV.UK about national testing for schools and households and bubbles of school pupils and staff.

Order online

Use the link below.

Important:

- + **do not use this link after 28 February**
- + **do not share it with anyone else**
- + **when asked “Do you want to collect tests instead of ordering online?” answer “No”**
- + <https://test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/order-lateral-flow-kits>

Thank you helping