



Dear Parents/Carers

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for the excellent support you have given both your children and the school as we fully re-opened last week.

Many students have been taking their Lateral Flow Tests at school and this process has gone very smoothly. The testing team has been highly complementary about their attitude and maturity throughout this process. We are now coming to the third test for many students; so we are hopeful that they will be confident to take their own tests at home. I am, therefore, delighted to inform you that we will be issuing the Lateral Flow Self-Test Kit directly to your child/children at their third test in our Onsite Testing Centre. If your child missed a test, we are rescheduling their appointments but this is getting more and more complex, so it is possible that they may be issued their Self-Test Kit at their second appointment.

They should be bringing home a small blue box and a booklet guiding you through the process. The box contains 3 tests that should be taken 3 to 5 days apart. Please do not take the test if your child has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days.

A link to this guide, in a variety of languages, is below:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/instructions-for-covid-19-self-test?utm_source=10%20March%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

You need to report the result to the NHS, either online or by phone. Details as to how to do this are in the booklet.

You will also need to inform the school of their result. We have designed a Microsoft Form for this to make it quick and easy. I have put a link to this in the *Updates and Guidance During the Covid Pandemic* section of our website, in the box *Lateral Flow Testing* and then *Student Home Testing - Record Your Result*. Your child will need to open the form with their school email address.

There is a great YouTube clip on "Step by step guide to taking the test" so I have put the link to that below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9XR8RZxKNo&list=PLvaBZskxS7tzQYIVg7lwH5uxAD9UrSzGJ>

The Onsite Testing Centre have offered to take you through the process, if you have any questions. We will continue to run a small Onsite Testing Centre, so if you would rather your child continue to be tested at school please contact us using the following email address: admin@plymstockschool.org.uk

Thank you for all your support.

Regards

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