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Dear Parents/ Carers

We were extremely happy to see the children return to school on Monday and I want to thank you for your continued patience as we return to our staggered entry and exit times. I would like to remind all our parents and carers about the importance of social distancing when waiting to enter the school site and when collecting your child.

I would like to draw your attention to our whole school updated March 2021 risk assessment on the website, <https://www.gladehill.nottingham.sch.uk/phased-re-opening-june-2020/>

From 1 March 2021, if you're a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of a child at school you can get a twice- weekly lateral flow tests which you can take at home. **Primary children are not being offered these tests currently, these tests are for family members of children within school.**

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 your loved ones. As lockdown restrictions gradually ease we all need to play our part to help protect each other.

WHAT DOES THE TESTING INVOLVE?

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

HOW CAN YOU GET HOLD OF THE TESTS?

- Through your employer:
Your workplace may offer lateral flow testing to you. Contact your employer to find out more.
- At a local 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 flow test site: <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

- Collect your 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. You can check online if the location is busy before you go.

Find your nearest home test kit collection point: <https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

- Order home test kits:
If you cannot get tested at your workplace, are unable to go to a test site or collect test kits, you can order test kits 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: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

For more information please click these links:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff#how-to-get-a-rapid-lateral-flow-test>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/understanding-lateral-flow-antigen-testing-for-people-without-symptoms>

Yours sincerely

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