

# High Bank Junior, Infant & Nursery School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

About 1 in 3 people with corona virus do not have symptoms but can still pass it on to others. Regular testing of people without symptoms is important to help stop the spread of the virus.

As part of the roadmap for easing coronavirus restrictions, it has been announced that parents can organise delivery or click and collect lateral flow tests for families sending their children back to 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

All of my staff have opted into twice weekly testing at home for some time now to reduce the spread of COVID and I ask that you also consider doing the same in order to keep the school community safe.

Education secretary Gavin Williamson has said testing family members of pupils will "provide yet another layer of reassurance to parents and education staff that schools are as safe as possible."

Yvonne Doyle, medical director at Public Health England, said she would "encourage all eligible households to take up the offer of twice weekly rapid testing - it's quick and painless and could help save lives."

## **Delivery to your home**

Use this service to order free rapid lateral flow test kits to be sent to your home in England.

You can order kits to test your household, childcare bubble or support bubble if at least one member:

- is a school pupil
- works in a school (this includes temporary workers or volunteers)

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

### **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.

<https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

The links will also be put onto our Facebook and Twitter page so you can access them more easily.