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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this finds you and your loved ones well.

The Government has published guidance regarding rapid flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff and have asked us to share it with you. The link to this guidance is below.

[Rapid lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff)

From the 1st March 2021, if you're a member of a household/childcare/support bubble of a member of staff or 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

Some workplaces may offer rapid lateral flow testing, and parents/carers should contact their employer to find out more.

Parents/carers can take a rapid lateral flow test at a local site, and testing at these sites is assisted, which means they will swab themselves under the supervision of a trained operator. They may however need to book an appointment.

Full details of the process, how to find your local test site and/or order a home test kit can be found via the link above. Havering Council will also be sending communications promoting this programme.

Please note that while schools will be providing tests for students, we **cannot** provide the home testing kits for households and **are not involved** in the ordering process. We do of course need to be informed of any positive results and associated self-isolations, through our normal procedures.

Thank you. Take care.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr. W. Thompson**  
Principal

