



# High Peak Federation



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### **Lateral Flow Test Availability**

Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope you are all well and thank you once more for your ongoing support of all of our children as we look forward to welcoming all children back into our schools. This is an exciting time to bring our school communities back together and we would also like to reassure you that we continue to work to all of the guidance to ensure our schools are as safe as they can possibly be.

As part of this you may have seen that the government has announced the further roll-out of lateral flow testing (LFT) for wider members of the school community and this now includes:

- households, childcare and support bubbles of primary aged pupils

Testing of the above group is encouraged as another measure to add to those already in place to keep our schools safe - but is not mandatory. Our school staff have had access to this testing since it was made available and the process has been very straightforward, safe, easy to administer and has added to the level of safety in our schools and we thank all staff for engaging with this process.

### **In terms of access to tests for families of children in primary schools:**

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



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- by ordering a home test kit online

### **Get a test through your employer**

Your workplace may offer rapid lateral flow testing to you. Contact your employer to find out more.

### **Take a test at a rapid lateral flow 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.

### **Collect test kits**

You can collect up to 4 home test kits at a local collection point. Each kit contains 7 tests. Anyone 18 or over can collect.

Our nearest centre is Pavilion Gardens, Buxton (access from the promenade), St. John's Road, Buxton, SK17 6BE.

Centres are open every day from 9am until 7pm.

### **Order home test kits online**

If you cannot get tested at your workplace, or are unable to go to a test site or collect test kits, you can order a home test kit online. This service will launch on 1 March and you can order via:

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

### **What does twice-weekly testing involve?**

You will be asked to:

- take a test twice a week (each week 3 or 4 days apart)
- report every result to NHS Test and Trace online (or phone 119) on the same day you take the test.

If anyone tests positive or gets coronavirus symptoms, they should tell the school and:

- self-isolate immediately
- get a PCR test to confirm the result
- follow the stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection



A negative result means the test did not find signs of coronavirus. But this does not guarantee you do not have coronavirus, so you should keep following all coronavirus advice including:

- regular handwashing
- social distancing
- wearing a face covering where recommended

Many Thanks,

Mr Parry and The High Peak Federation team



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