



# LYDIARD PARK ACADEMY

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Dear Parent

We will be completing our in-school LFD testing programme for some pupils today and early next week for all pupils. Therefore, we will start to give out the test kit boxes so that pupils can carry out testing at home. The test kit boxes will only be given out once your child has conducted three tests within school. The boxes contain three tests and where possible we would like pupils to carry these out on a Sunday and a Thursday. The result should be reported online at [www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result](http://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result). Schools are also required to collect the results so please could you also email the school at [LPA-Covid@lydiardparkacademy.org.uk](mailto:LPA-Covid@lydiardparkacademy.org.uk) with your child name date and result in the subject line e.g. Harry Potter 11.03.21 Negative.

The actual carry out of the test is very easy to administer and as the pupils will have had three initial tests they will be used to swabbing themselves. Those pupils who are under 12 years old may require assistance. I have added a link to a short guidance video <https://youtu.be/XFiqXVxNhQc> so that parents are aware of the tests should be administered.

## What if the test is positive?

When secondary-aged pupils begin to test themselves from home, a positive LFD result *should* then be followed by a confirmatory PCR test. The pupil should not come to school but a PCR test should be booked at a test site. If the pupil then tests negative on the PCR test, this will override the test they took at home, and they will be able to return to school.

## Asymptomatic testing for parents and adults in households with children at school or college

NHS Test and Trace [announced last week](#) that all adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid Covid-19 testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Secondary school and college students will continue to access tests through their school or college. Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

There are [different ways for a household](#), childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through an employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – but only if testing cannot be access through other routes, as this frees up home delivery for those who need it most



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The DfE has shared [this](#) link which provides self-test instructions in 11 other languages, and a short video.

**The information below has been provided by Swindon Borough Council about how to obtain Lateral Flow test kits for families.**

## Where can I collect my kits?

Local collection points are (although this will be from all test sites in Swindon shortly):

- Wroughton Park and Ride
- Broadgreen

## What time are they open?

Collection points are open from 1.30pm to 7pm at the moment but this may change so it is best to check online if the location is open or busy before you go on [Find a test centre \(test-and-trace.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/trace). You do not need to make an appointment.

## How many tests will I receive?

Each pack contains 7 tests. You can collect 2 packs of home test kits.

## Who can collect the tests?

Anyone 18 or over can collect.

## Full guidance 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)

Yours sincerely

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