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Dear Parent/Carer,

Given the recent changes in COVID guidance, I thought it would be useful to explain the difference between the tests available and to reiterate if your child has symptoms, they are advised to have a PCR test.

There are different tests you can get to check if you have coronavirus (COVID-19). The test you need depends on why you're getting tested.

The 2 main tests are:

- **PCR tests** – mainly for people with symptoms, they're sent to a lab to be checked
- **Rapid lateral flow tests** – only for people who do not have symptoms, they give a quick result

Both tests are free.

If you have symptoms of COVID-19

Get a PCR test as soon as possible if you have any of these symptoms, even if mild:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

Stay at home until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test. Check if people you live with need to self-isolate

Rapid tests if you do not have symptoms

About 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 do not have symptoms but can still infect others.

Rapid tests help to check if someone has COVID-19. If people test positive and self-isolate, it helps stop the virus spreading.

Research shows rapid tests are a reliable test for COVID-19. They give a quick result and do not need to be sent to a lab.



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Even if you're vaccinated, you could still catch the virus or pass it on. Doing rapid tests helps to protect yourself and others.

If you get a positive lateral flow test result, you do not need to confirm the result with a PCR test. You only need to confirm a positive lateral flow test if:

- you're applying for a Test and Trace Support Payment
- you're eligible for new COVID-19 treatments
- you're asked to do so as part of research
- you have a positive lateral flow test on or before day 2 of arriving in England from outside the UK

Yours Sincerely

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