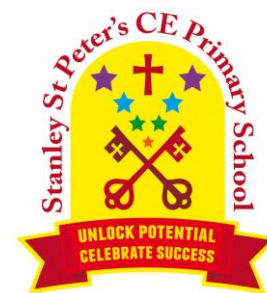


Tuesday, 12th April, 2021



Dear Parents/Carers

COVID-19 self-test kit collection trial

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Regular, rapid testing for people without symptoms is already taking place across the country. Households, including support and childcare bubbles, of nursery, school and college age children are eligible to take part in this testing.

We are currently working with the Department for Health and Social Care to trial a new method of collecting self-test LFD kits as part of this testing programme. We would like to invite all households who are currently connected to our school to take part. This would allow all members of households to collect test kits for twice weekly testing via the school. **Please note that lateral flow tests should not be used on primary aged school children. They should only be ordered for adults in the household and/or adults members of a support bubble that our pupil is part of.**

The tests are for asymptomatic people only – if you have COVID symptoms, you will still need to self-isolate and book a PCR test which is processed in a laboratory.

Why asymptomatic testing is important

As many as one in three people who contract the virus show no symptoms (they are asymptomatic), so could be spreading the disease unknowingly. Asymptomatic testing will help to identify positive cases more quickly and break the chains of transmission. Those who test positive will self-isolate, helping to reduce transmission of the virus.

How this trial will work

From Monday 19th April, households who agree to take part in the trial will be able to collect self-test kits which enable testing at home. This will enable all members of the household to carry out twice weekly testing. Tests are free of charge and will be provided by us at school.

Taking the Test

The lateral flow device (LFD) test will produce results after 30 minutes and do not require laboratory processing. You can find guidance on how to conduct self-testing in the 'Instructions for Use' leaflet which comes with the test kit and at COVID-19 self-test help - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk). Here is a useful video to show you how to administer the test.

Reporting the Test

Once the test has been conducted you will need to log the test result online at: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>. Please note that searching for a school name on the site currently doesn't work well. Please use the postcode of the school to search instead, which is WF3 4HS.

You can also report your test results by calling the phone number in your test kit's instructions.

How you will receive your self-test kits

Please complete the online order form which can be found here

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=_OmoEZZNfk6JWUagtnhmzyI2JgaInz5Jl0mh_GdIYTpUMzVHNkRYRkRDOVROUjRaTko5QjjBTTdTRC4u

Teachers will distribute the number of test kits you have requested to you when you collect your child from school. (This will most probably be on Monday 19th April.) If your child walks home from school alone, you will need to give permission for your child to be given the test kit to bring home with them (or you can state that you would like to come to school to collect the test kits) when you complete the online order form.

How we will gather feedback on the study

Researchers from the Department for Health and Social Care are looking to speak to parents and other members of household bubbles in order to understand their thoughts and experiences of this study. They will be conducting telephone or video interviews throughout the course of the study and are interested in speaking with parents who don't opt to take part as well as those that do. They will also be conducting a survey to gather more thoughts from the school community that will be shared in due course. If you would like to take part in an interview and share your thoughts, please click on this link <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/JY7UZ2/> and one of the researchers may get in touch with you. **You do not have to take part in the survey to be able to order test kits from us but it will really help to evaluate the effectiveness of this pilot if you do!**

What you need to do next

- Let us know if you and your household bubble (and or support bubble) would like to receive home self-test kits and how many individuals (excluding school children) require tests via the online order form found here https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=_OmoEZZNfk6JWUagtnhmzyI2JgaInz5Jl0mh_GdIYTpUMzVHNkRYRkRDOVROUjRaTko5QjjBTTdTRC4u **BY Friday 16th April @ 6:00pm.**
- **If you would like to** share your thoughts about home testing (even if you do not wish to take part) click here <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/JY7UZ2/> to let the researchers from the Department for Health and Social Care know and they will get in touch with you.

Kind regards,

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