



THE DOWNLEY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Please be aware you are now eligible for asymptomatic Covid testing.

NHS Test and Trace have announced, that all adults in households with school and college age

If you are a parent or other adult in households with children at school or college, who does not have symptoms, you can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and free. There are different ways for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- Through your 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

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119. Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm. Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms **are not** being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates.

Kind regards

Ms F Taylor

Headteacher

