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Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to share with you important information about how you can now access COVID tests even if you do not have symptoms. The information below is from Walsall Public Health and can be found on Walsall Council's website: walsall.gov.uk

Parents, carers and those in a household or childcare bubble are able to access symptom free testing through several different ways.

- through their employer if they offer testing to employees
- at a local symptom-free test site
- by collecting a symptom-free (lateral flow) home test kit from a NHS Test and Trace site — they do not need to book.
- by ordering a home test kit online — this service is only for people who cannot get a test through the methods above. Order symptom-free home test kits online at GOV.UK: Schools testing

If anyone in the household or bubble tests positive or shows COVID-19 symptoms, they should notify the school, self-isolate immediately and book a PCR test from the NHS to confirm the result

We are advising everyone to:

- take a test twice a week (3–5 days apart)
- report every result to NHS Test and Trace on the same day you take it. You can report your result online or by calling 119.

On the Walsall Council website there are dedicated testing pages where more information can be found, the links are below for you.

- Landing page [COVID-19 information \(walsall.gov.uk\)](http://walsall.gov.uk)
- General testing information
- Testing for secondary school and college students

Yours sincerely,

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