



Dear Parents,

Lateral flow tests (LFT) and polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests.

As lockdown eases, it is very important that we continue to follow the guidance regarding coronavirus to keep our school community safe.

If your child or another member of your household develops symptoms of COVID-19, then you should book a **PCR** test via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119. You should also contact school to let us know.

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE ANY OF THESE SYMPTOMS

Before returning to school, the result should be sent to info@hurst-hill.dudley.sch.uk. Your child cannot return to school unless we have seen evidence of a negative PCR test result.

LFT tests should only be used on asymptomatic people. These are designed to be used on a regular basis to identify possible cases when symptoms are not present. If you use regular LFT and receive a positive result, then you should book a PCR test (to confirm the result) and let school know.

Further information is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Thank you for helping keep our school community safe.

Yours sincerely
Mrs R Keen
Head Teacher

