



PensMeadowSchool

Living, Growing, Learning

Rapid testing

USING HOME TESTING KITS

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Rationale

It is crucial that testing against Covid-19 continues to be undertaken, to break the chains of transmission of the virus and help safeguard the health of the staff of education settings as well as pupils and students.

Up to one-third of people who have coronavirus are asymptomatic. By rapidly identifying and containing any asymptomatic cases, we can reduce the spread of transmission. Testing does not replace existing protective measures such as handwashing, and Pens Meadow School continues to follow the [system of controls](#).

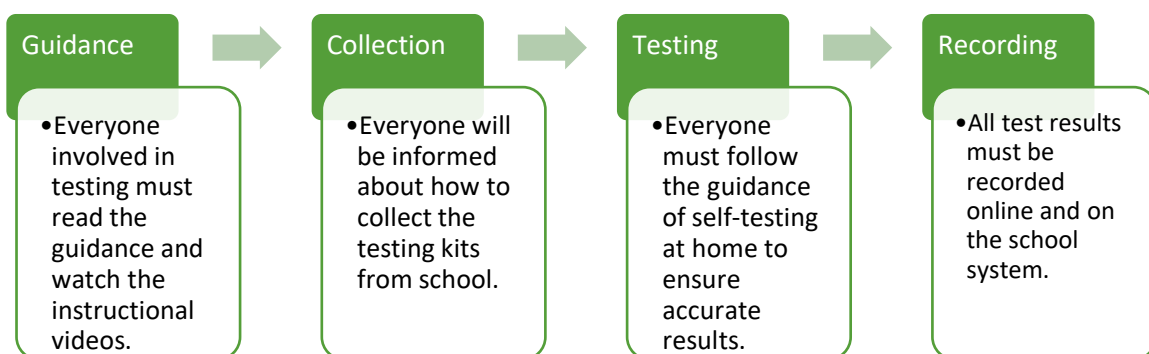
From 8th March 2021, all staff and secondary age pupils are encouraged to test themselves twice a week, using a home testing kit provided by PHE.

Testing arrangements

All staff at Pens Meadow School, including non-teaching staff, are encouraged to take part in rapid testing using home testing kits. These are available for collection from 4th March 2021 from the office.

In accordance with DfE guidance for [Rapid asymptomatic testing in specialist settings](#) due to our pupils need to be tested with support from parents, to ensure informed consent for the test is given, we will provide home testing kits to them from the outset (without the pupil being tested at an ATS first). Home testing kits will be available for collection as soon as they arrive to school after 8th March 2021 as outlined in the guidelines.

The diagram below outlines the process of Rapid asymptomatic testing for staff and pupils in secondary school age, using home testing kits.



Guidance

Everyone taking part in Rapid asymptomatic testing using home kits must read the leaflet included in the box. In addition to this everyone should watch the guidance using the YouTube videos by accessing this [link](#).

Additionally there are two webinars available: [Webinar 1](#) – Overview; [Webinar 2](#) – How to do a test and recording

Any issues in administration as well as any incidents must be reported to Covid Coordinator. At Pens Meadow School this is Michal Pawlowicz, Deputy Headteacher.

Collection

Staff may collect their home testing kits at the end of their shift from admin office from 4th March 2021 and everyone must sign the Test Kit Log at their respective sites.

Testing

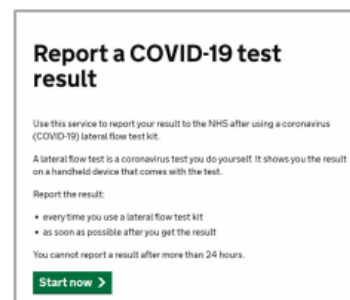
Testing instructions are available in each box. YouTube videos available in the link above provide detailed visual guidelines of how to use the home testing kits. Everyone is encouraged to take a test twice a week 3-5 days apart. Testing kits must be stored in temperature between 2 and 30 degrees.



Recording

Everyone is required to report the results of your tests online, or by phone, every time you take a test, even if the result was negative or void. You can do this by accessing this [link](#).

In addition to the official PHE record everyone is required to record their results at school by accessing this [link](#).



List of links used above

You can either click on the link or copy it to the browser to access it.

Additional operational guidance for special schools, special post-16 institutions and alternative provision:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-full-opening-special-schools-and-other-specialist-settings#the-system-of-controls-protective-measures>

Rapid asymptomatic testing in specialist settings:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-full-opening-special-schools-and-other-specialist-settings/rapid-asymptomatic-testing-in-specialist-settings>

Step by step guide to Covid-19 self-testing:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvaBZskxS7tzQYIVg7lwH5uxAD9UrSzGJ>

Webinar 1 – Overview

<https://youtu.be/lf0nRSYF-gl>

Webinar 2 – How to do a test and recording

<https://youtu.be/C8JTkdEKKIU>

Reporting test result online – Test and Trace

<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

Reporting test result online – school

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=W9rqharoiUqNtZMHhPOlioGIZGtY3ixEm2uFsG_uStYxUODFWRFY1S1dIWkU2R1VLRINORUpWRzk2RC4u

Official ‘How to Guide’

https://drive.google.com/file/d/150yjm8tFCrqsMxFexCWx_fw4QR5X3tT/view