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Dear Parent/Carer

COVID 19 Testing Kits

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have requested rapid COVID-19 home testing kits for pupils. These have now been sent to you.

Sandwell Council have now made available rapid COVID-19 home testing to all adult residents who live with school aged children, and in order to keep everyone as safe as possible, they are encouraging everyone to use a rapid test at home twice a week.

These rapid home tests are NOT for people with the three main COVID-19 symptoms (high temperature, a new continuous cough or a change or loss of sense of taste or smell).

You can collect up to two boxes of rapid home tests per family (or four for a large family). Regular testing will mean more positive cases within households are found, helping to keep educational settings and our communities safe.

If you are an adult with school age children living at home, or you are in a support or childcare bubble with school age children, you can collect rapid tests to use at home from a local testing centre (details below). You do not need to book.

- You can get up to 28 tests.
- You can get the tests today.
- No paperwork, booking or ID is needed.
- Sites are COVID-secure and operated by trained staff.
- <u>Find your local collection site</u> (opens in a new tab) new ones will be opening so always check your nearest site.
- You can also take a test at a community assisted test site if you prefer (opens in a new tab).
- You can collect the tests anytime between 1.30pm and 7pm.
- You can also <u>order rapid home test kits online</u>.

For more information, go to https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/rapidhometests.

Yours faithfully













































