

## **Latest Guidance from HCC**

### **Secondary schools and settings**

In line with Government and Public Health guidance, we provide rapid tests (also known as tests using Lateral Flow Devices/LFTs) for your child to take at home and/or complete at school and, if taken regularly, these can help reduce the risk of us spreading Covid-19 to one another and keep children in school.

Our staff are also taking regular tests and we're encouraging all parents and carers to do the same, order online, collect from a pharmacy or visit a mobile testing site, view your options at: [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/rapidtest](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/rapidtest). Please do not test children below Year 7, these tests are not recommended or made for use on younger children.

If you test positive using a rapid test you must book a confirmatory PCR test at: [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test). Your whole household, including any children, must begin self-isolating immediately.

These are challenging times for us all, please do not send children in if:

- They have any symptoms of Covid-19 (a new, continuous cough, change or loss of taste or smell, a temperature) – in this instance you must book a PCR test
- If they are generally unwell, especially with colds, headache and runny noses – it's better to be safe than sorry
- They have been identified as a close contact and/or asked to self-isolate