



Portobello Primary School
Weekly Newsletter
5th March 2021



Important message for parents about lateral flow testing kits for coronavirus

Lateral flow device testing is a fast and simple way to test people who do not have symptoms of coronavirus, but who may still be spreading the virus.

Lateral flow tests should **not** be used by anyone who has coronavirus symptoms. If anyone in your household has coronavirus symptoms they should [Get a test to check if you have coronavirus on GOV.UK](#) or by ringing 119.

If you have been advised by your child's school or childcare setting that your child has been identified as a close contact of a positive coronavirus case they must isolate for 10 days, and you must follow the advice given by the school or childcare setting.

If your child is isolating because they have been identified as a close contact of someone with coronavirus they cannot return to the school or childcare setting before the end of the 10 day isolation period even if they have a negative test result (either PCR or lateral flow).

Lateral flow test kits should **only** be used by the person they were issued to. If you have a child in secondary school who is testing themselves at home the tests must not be used by anyone else in the household e.g. a sibling or parent.

Similarly, if you have access to lateral flow tests through your workplace you should not use these to test your children at home.

Public Health Team

Gateshead Council

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8th March – Return for all children

We are delighted to be welcoming everyone back to school on Monday morning and hope you are all excited too.

You should have received an email with a letter attached giving specific instructions for your child's class earlier in week. It is essential you stick to the procedures we have identified unless discussed with Mrs Humphrey or Mrs Lister beforehand. If you have not received a letter please ring school today on 0191 4104571. Details can also be found on our website.

You should also of received an information gathering form today which helps us understand how lockdown has been for your family. We would be very grateful if you could return these to school by Wednesday 10th March 2021, if requested printed copies can be given out on Monday.

Update: Breakfast Club is available to book via SIMS Pay for all year groups, Early Years, KS1 and KS2 as of Monday 8th March – details can be found on our website or contact Mrs Lister for further information.

