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*'walk as children of light'*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware, staff at Hardwicke Parochial Primary Academy undertake twice-weekly COVID tests using Lateral Flow Devices. This helps us to reduce the spread of any potential cases, ahead of receiving confirmation via the normal PCR tests available at tests sites such as Hempstead Meadow. It is a very simple test to do and requires staff to swab the back of their mouth and nostril. It's not the most pleasurable of experiences, but it's over quickly! You can watch a video [here](#) (Please note: the video is used for illustration purposes only).

Recently, the government have extended this provision to all families who have children at Primary school and further information can be found [here](#). The most reliable way to access these tests is by ordering kits to administer at home, similar to those we use. You can access that page by clicking [here](#).

In the near future, the local testing sites such as Hempstead Meadows, will become collection points and anyone 18 or over can collect 2 packs of home test kits which contain 7 tests. Most collection points are open from **1.30pm to 7pm**. You can check online if the location is open or busy before you go and you do not need to make an appointment. The testing sites are identified on [this](#) page.

Finally, if you do access this means of testing, you will need to report the results [here](#).

Thank you for your continued support to keep our school and our community safe.

Yours sincerely

Wendy D'Arcy  
Headteacher

