



## Dobcroft Junior School Coronavirus Testing Kit Guidelines

September 2020

### **Purpose**

- The Department for Education issued all schools with 10x Covid19 home testing kits in early September 2020.
- Juliet Murray (School Assistant) took part in the compulsory DfE webinar training on Friday 11th September.
- The training stated that all schools must put in place guidance for issuing the testing kits to ensure clarity and consistency when distributing them.
- More kits can be ordered should the school need to order more but the number available will be capped in relation to the school size.
- The online portal for ordering further kits only becomes available on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Guidelines**

**The Department for Education guidance clearly states:**

*"These kits are to be used in exceptional circumstances where you believe that someone, who has developed symptoms on site, may have barriers to accessing a test elsewhere and that by giving them a test kit you will significantly increase the likelihood of them getting tested."*

**The Department for Education webpage (link below) gives the following advice:**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-home-test-kits-for-schools-and-fe-providers/coronavirus-covid-19-home-test-kits-for-schools-and-fe-providers>

### **When to provide a test kit**

Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can and should get a test. These symptoms are a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste. The government is making it as easy as possible to get a test through a wide range of routes that are locally accessible, fast and convenient.

Home test kits at Dobcroft Junior School will only be offered in the exceptional circumstances, when we believe an individual may have barriers to accessing testing elsewhere. Such examples include:

1. We do not believe a parent or guardian will book a test.
2. English is a second language for them or their parent/carer and we are worried that they will not be able to order a test on line.

3. We know parents/guardians are unable to drive to a regional test site or are not near to a local test site.
4. Staff require a test immediately in order for them to return to school as soon as possible and avoid disruption to children's education.

### **Administering Home Testing Kits**

- Kits are suitable for people of all ages over the age of one.
- Kits should not be given directly to children, only to adults over the age of 18 or a child's parent or carer.
- Parents and carers will be required to administer the test to those under 11.
- Full instructions on how to administer the test and what to do next are provided within each kit.
- Dobcroft Junior staff will not administer testing.

The school will therefore follow this guidance when issuing Covid testing kits at all times, and any decision made to allocate a testing kit will be authorised by the head teacher or deputy head teacher.

## Record of distribution of Covid Testing kits – Dobcroft Junior School

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