



# Thriftwood School & College

## Coronavirus (COVID-19): home test kits

Thriftwood School & College have been given a supply of COVID-19 home test kits. Government guidance is that these kits should only be offered to individuals in exceptional circumstances, where they may have barriers to accessing testing elsewhere.

1. We will **only** offer kits to students and staff when:

- They display symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19). These symptoms are a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, or a loss or change to the individual's sense of smell or taste. Tests will **not** be given to pupils or staff who are not displaying one or more of these symptoms.
- There are barriers to getting a test at a local test centre. These barriers include ability to access transport, individual special educational needs of the child or vulnerability of child / family.

2. Schools will not administer the tests – this must be done by parents / carers in the home setting.

3. Tests will not be offered to family members – only students and staff of Thriftwood School and College.

4. Full instructions on how to administer the test and what to do next are provided within each kit.

5. A child / staff member will only be able to return to school / work when they have received confirmation of a negative test result

6. Should the test be positive, the school should be immediately informed and the individual should self-isolate for 10 days.

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