

There are 2 types of Covid-19 tests that are available and this information is to clarify when you would use them and the best test for you to book.

PCR Test

PCR, Polymerase Chain Reaction, tests are mainly **for people who have symptoms**. They are sent to a lab to be checked.

Most people get their result the next working day, but it may take up to 3 days.

These tests are booked and carried out at a testing site and sent off to the lab for analysis.

If you have 1 or more Covid-19 symptoms, then please book a PCR test. (See below as a reminder of the symptoms)

Rapid Lateral Flow tests (LFT)

Rapid lateral flow tests (LFT) use a device similar to a pregnancy test to give a quick result. **They are only for people who do not have symptoms.**

Usually these tests are administered at home and take 30 minutes for the results.

Lateral Flow tests are to identify people who are asymptomatic only. (Do not have any symptoms).

If you have 1 or more of the following symptoms, then please book a PCR test at a testing station.

- A new continuous cough
- A high temperature
- Loss of sense of smell
- Loss of sense of taste

If you have Covid-19 symptoms, school can only accept results from a PCR test and not a Lateral Flow test.