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Dear Parent

Over the weekend I have been working with Mr Mackenzie (Headteacher, Formby High School) and Sefton’s Public Health team to support efforts to suppress the spread of Covid-19 in the local community.  Infection rates remain concerning and we wish to ensure the likelihood of the virus spreading amongst our school communities is minimised.  The purpose of this letter is to emphasise the importance of your child completing a home LFD test prior to returning to school tomorrow.  If your child’s test result is positive he/she should self-isolate and book a confirmatory PCR test at [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test).  In addition, all members of the household should self-isolate whilst awaiting the PCR test result.

If you require home testing kits we have a small supply still available at reception – you or your child may drop into school on Monday to collect a box.  Alternatively, there are several chemists listed in the table below that provide LFD test kits over the counter on a free of charge basis.  The following locations are based on proximity to school; should you live further afield, please use this [NHS website](https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/) to enter your postcode and find your nearest supplier.

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| Hough Pharmacy41 Old Town LaneFormbyL37 3HJ | Rowland Pharmacy15 Chapel LaneFormbyL37 4DL | Boots17-19 Elbow LaneFormbyL37 4AB |
| Primary Healthcare Plus81 Liverpool RoadFormbyL37 6BU | Walker Pharmacy62 Harington RoadFormbyL37 1NU | Boots27 Chapel LaneFormbyL37 4DL |

If your child is displaying Covid-19 symptoms (new continuous cough, high temperature or loss of sense of taste or smell) or any other symptoms that you believe may be an indication of Covid-19 you should not send him/her to school.  Instead, he/she should self-isolate (along with other household members) and book a PCR test.  Where your child is symptomatic a home LFD test will not suffice – he/she should undertake a PCR test.

Thank you very much for your anticipated support with the request outlined above.  If you have any queries regarding this information, please visit [NHS online](https://www.nhs.uk/) or contact the NHS helpline on 119.

Yours sincerely

M. McGarry

Headteacher