



Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

## STAFF - LATERAL FLOW TESTING

You will likely have heard that staff working in primary schools, are being asked to opt in to twice-weekly LFD tests in order to try and manage the COVID-19 infection rates. Approximately 1 in 3 individuals are asymptomatic when they contract COVID-19 and it is believed that the use of regular LFD tests amongst staff will help to identify those who may be positive for COVID-19 and are still infectious yet are asymptomatic. There are two types of test:

1. PCR Test (Polymerase Chain Reaction). This is generally booked online and usually takes a few days for the results to be returned;
2. Lateral Flow Test (LFD). This is a self-test which gives a result half an hour later.

From next week staff in school will begin twice weekly testing. This will commence on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February. We anticipate that this will result in more bubble closures. As it has been strongly advised that staff take the test in a morning before school, this presents quite a challenge for both working parents and school. To help support we have asked staff to notify school before 8.15am on Mondays and Thursdays if they have a positive result from a LFD. We will then notify parents that they will need to keep their child at home pending the result of that staff member receiving a result of a PCR test.

Kind Regards

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