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Lateral Flow Testing for Staff

Dear Parents

We hope you are keeping safe and well! I know we seem to be sending you so much information at the moment it's hard to keep up but again this week there is a new initiative to make you aware of. To try and further minimise the transmission of Covid-19, The Government have introduced mass testing for Primary School Staff.

The testing is for staff only there will not be any testing of pupils.

All staff can opt into the voluntary testing plan. They will test themselves at home twice a week and these results have to be reported to the school. Our tests have arrived today and we are currently undertaking the staff training to be able to start using the tests this week. This will allow us to be aware if a member of staff has the virus but has no symptoms and therefore minimise the risk to everyone else.

- If staff test negative they will be able to continue to come to work as normal.
- If staff test positive they must report the result to track and trace and the school
- Any close contacts, including the school 'bubble' will then be asked to isolate
- If a member of staff tests positive they will also be asked to follow this up with a PCR Test at a testing centre
- The isolation will only continue if the PCR Test is also positive (this is the more reliable test).
- The isolation could be for a shorter time than 10 days but we must operate the isolation until the PCR test is known.

There is currently no pupil testing in school. However you must follow the agreed systems and if your child has any symptoms please book a test and isolate until you have received the outcome.

If your child has a positive test please continue to inform us – even if your child is not currently attending the school site.

Although we are beginning to see infection rates reducing they are still very high. Our staff are following all the Covid-19 Safety guidelines to protect themselves, their families and yours!

Yours Sincerely

Julie Swanston
Headteacher

