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Lateral Flow Testing for school staff

The Department for Education has recently announced that it will start a programme of asymptomatic Covid-19 testing in primary schools for all school staff. Staff have been invited to take part in this testing and it will start this week.

The purpose of testing is to break the chain of transmission of COVID-19. Along with the other protective measures we are taking, testing will allow us to make the school environment as safe as possible for our school community.

Up to one in three people who have Covid-19 have the virus without symptoms so could be transmitting the virus unknowingly. Tackling the pandemic requires identifying asymptomatic, infectious individuals. By testing, we will help to reduce the spread in schools.

Staff who opt in to the Lateral Flow Testing process will test twice a week at home. Testing will take place in an evening so if we need to close classes, we can give parents as much notice as possible. If a positive Lateral Flow Test result is returned by a member of staff we will close a class and ask all close contacts (staff and children) within the bubble to self-isolate. The staff member then takes a further COVID-19 PCR test, if the result is positive all contacts with need to complete 10 days' self-isolation. If the result is negative, then the class will re-open.

If a class needs to close for any reason, you will be contacted by email from the school office.

If you have any questions related to Lateral Flow Testing for staff, and the implications for your child and the closing of classes please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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Headteacher



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