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NHS Test and Trace: COVID-19 Testing for Staff

Dear Parents /Carers

You may have seen in the media that all Education Staff are being offered Lateral Flow Covid tests in order to reduce the transmission rate of COVID-19.

One in three people are asymptomatic and by using these tests, it can help detect people who may be carrying the virus without symptoms.

As staff, we will be taking the tests twice a week on a Wednesday and Sunday evening starting from Sunday 24th January. Any staff member with a positive result will have to self – isolate immediately and book a PCR test as soon as possible to fully confirm the result.

If a staff member tests positive they will inform me immediately and I will then assess staffing levels and whether we are able to provide for those children who currently coming into school. The very worst-case scenario would be too few staff available to open the school. This is unlikely but I wanted to give you advance warning in case.

In addition to that, if a staff member does report a positive case, I will have to follow the flow chart and contact the DFE helpline where a risk assessment will be jointly made as to the impact on the bubbles in school.

You will be contacted via email or telephone of any changes to provision in school during this time.

Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Take care and stay safe

Maura Furber

Head Teacher