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Dear Parent/Carer

Lateral Flow Testing (LFT) for COVID19

In line with government instructions we will introduce a process known as Lateral Flow Testing (LFT) for COVID-19 amongst our staff from Monday 25th January 2021. The principle behind the introduction of these tests is to try to identify any cases amongst employees who are not presenting with any of the traditional symptoms of Coronavirus. We believe that testing is an important step toward reducing transmission and controlling the spread of the virus more effectively with the aim of limiting the disruption to your child's education as much as possible.

Where any positive cases are identified from the LFT process, the person concerned will be required to take a PCR test (the type of test that people have been taking up until now to confirm or otherwise whether they have got COVID-19). At this point they have to self-isolate and anyone they have had close contact with must do the same. This may be your child if they have been taught by the affected member of staff.

The member of staff will then have a PCR test. Once the results of the PCR test are known then further action can be taken. If the PCR test is positive the school bubble will continue to stay closed for 10 days. If the test is negative then your child will return to school the following day.

These measures are all in accordance with public health requirements.

I am sure that you will be pleased to note this updated information and that you will understand that it is necessary for us to take the above action as a precaution if required. By taking these steps we aim to reduce the transmission of the virus within the community.

I hope that this letter is sufficiently clear. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any further concerns or need any assistance in relation to this.

Please refer to public health guidance should you require any additional information or if you or your child is displaying any possible COVID-19 symptoms.

Yours sincerely

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