



Wednesday 27th January 2021

Dear Parent and Carers,

NHS Test and Trace: COVID-19 testing for Staff in Primary Schools.

You may have heard that testing for those without coronavirus symptoms is beginning across the country using new, quicker COVID-19 tests known as 'lateral flow devices'(LFD).

This letter is to give you all an overview of the testing programme in our school.

Up to one third of people who have coronavirus are asymptomatic. By testing adults we will help to reduce the spread in school, through asymptomatic transmission.

Plan for testing

We will be offering all staff twice weekly testing at home starting from the week commencing 31st January 2021.

What if my child's teacher or other staff member tests positive?

If a teacher or other staff member tests positive on a lateral flow device (LFD), they will inform the school immediately, arrange to take a PCR test and they will need to start 10 days of self-isolation as per government [Stay at Home](#) guidelines.

What if staff or pupils have been in close contact with the individual who tests positive?

- All individuals will be notified by the school that they are a close contact to the source. This is likely to be before school or as school starts, and so may impact on your morning if you are required to collect you child from school.
- All contacts of a confirmed case must follow the national guidance, stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days. This is because it can take several days following contact with an infected person, before an individual develops symptoms or the virus can be detected. Close contacts can return to school on day 11, if they are well and have no symptoms. Parents will be advised of the date the children can return to school via letter.
- It is highly likely that the PCR result will confirm the positive result but in the event that the PCR returns a negative result then the member of staff and the close contacts (children & other members of staff) will return to school. You will receive a letter that the bubble can reopen.

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- If your child has to isolate due to having close contact with the individual, **other members of your household will be able to continue normal activities** provided your child does not develop symptoms themselves, within the 10-day self-isolation period.
- Please see the link to the National Guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

- If your child's key worker and vulnerable bubble closes due to a positive case, then your child's learning will become remote for the 10 days of isolation (during normal school hours and days).

Year R (Oak & Willow): Tapestry and Zoom Story time every Wednesday at 1.30pm

Year 1 (Cherry & Chestnut): Tapestry and google classroom Tuesday at 9.45am

Year 2 (Apple & Aspen): Google Classroom 10.30am & 2.00pm

Year 3 (Spruce & Sycamore): Google Classroom 9.30am & 1.30pm

Year 4 (Lilac & Lime): Google Classroom 9.00am & 11.30am

Year 5 (Maple & Mulberry): Google Classroom 11.00am & 1.00pm

Year 6 (Holly & Hazel): Google Classroom 10.00am & 2.30pm

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Rachel Higgins and the NWPS team.

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