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Call to instigate regular LFD Testing

Dear Parents,

We are writing to inform you that cases of coronavirus in our community are escalating.

Over recent weeks, we have seen a rise in absences with children experiencing high temperatures and sickness symptoms, and of course receiving positive PCRs. Therefore, while we are aware that it's likely that children are picking up the typical illnesses that this time of year brings, **we would like to encourage parents to seek the reassurance of regular LFD testing for your household, which includes your children.**

Typically, amongst our staff team, we have found that LFDs are effective in identifying cases of non-symptomatic Covid. This precautionary action also allows for identification of cases while waiting for the results of PCRs from other family members and subsequently reducing the risk of transmission.

Lateral flow tests can be ordered online for delivery or for collection from your local pharmacy. For more information on how to order your lateral flow tests, please click [here](#).

If your child is displaying the [symptoms of Covid](#), please [book a PCR test](#) and advise the school office. In all other cases, we are advising parents to use a lateral flow test prior to sending your child to school.

Please note, we will not be routinely informing the community of individual cases as they occur, as this is no longer a requirement. In line with Government guidelines, unless your child has symptoms or has tested positive themselves they are required to attend school. If your child is identified as a close contact of the confirmed case, you may be contacted by NHS Test and Trace who will advise you on what to do next, which is likely to be a PCR test.

We are continuing to monitor the situation working with the Public Health Team to introduce additional measures such as the reintroduction of masks in school.

However, school remains open, and your child should continue to attend as normal.

Sincerely and with wishes of good health,

Mrs Hannah Beckett
Headteacher