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Lateral Flow Tests

Dear Parents and Carers,

In order to quickly identify asymptomatic adults, and reduce the outbreak of clusters of Covid-19 in School, we have been provided with lateral flow test kits for all staff and students from Class 9 up.

On their first day back in School your child/ren will be given a small blue box containing 7 lateral flow tests. Testing is voluntary but we are all strongly encouraged to participate to further reduce the risk of asymptomatic transmission within School and hopefully avoid further lockdowns. The boxes contain clear instructions on how to use the devices and what to do, and how to do it, in the event of a positive result.

All those with tests are asked to take two tests per week. It would be sensible to take these on Friday evening and Tuesday evening to allow return to School on Monday and by the end of the week if a false positive has been obtained.

If a positive result is obtained this must be confirmed, or denied, by a PCR test taken as soon as possible. You are asked to log all test results online. Details of how to do this are in the instruction booklet in the blue box.

It is important to know that anyone who tests positive using a lateral flow device must not attend school. They and everyone they live with must self-isolate immediately whilst they undertake the following actions:

- Report the test result online
- Book a follow up PCR test through the online booking portal
- Let School know they have a positive result

Anyone who tests positive with a PCR test will be contacted by the Test Trace and Protect team who will identify close contacts who will also need to self-isolate.

A negative test result does not remove the risk of transmission and it is important to know that if a test is negative this does not mean anyone can relax their infection prevention measures - distance, hand washing, face coverings, - and we need to proceed for the time being with extreme caution.

If you have any questions at all please feel free to contact me,

Kind Regards,

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