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Lateral Flow Testing

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Dear Parents/Carers

The Department for Education has recently announced that it will start a programme of asymptomatic Covid-19 testing in primary schools, school-based nurseries and maintained nursery schools.

Along with the other protective measures we are taking, testing will allow us to take further measures to help our staff to work in as safe an environment as possible. Up to one in three people who have Covid-19 have the virus without symptoms so could be transmitting the virus unknowingly. Tackling the pandemic requires identifying asymptomatic, infectious individuals. By testing, we will help to reduce the spread in schools.

The reason for sharing this information with you is because there is the possibility of a knock on affect in school which may result in us needing to close a class bubble. Should this happen, all vulnerable and critical worker children will be sent home for the required period of time to self-isolate – up to 10 days.

I am therefore writing to remind you of our plans for this eventuality.

If a bubble is sent home to self-isolate and the staff members are well - normal class teaching will continue with members of staff working from home.

If a bubble is sent home and the class teacher is unwell and unable to teach, parents and children will be directed to a class home learning page that has been previously prepared by the class teacher. The children will be able to follow a time table of lessons that are taken from The National Oak Academy.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Howells
Acting Headteacher

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