

11th January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,



REVISED GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE ON TESTING

From **11 January** in England, people who are **asymptomatic** and receive positive lateral flow device (LFD) test results for coronavirus (COVID-19) will be required to self-isolate immediately and won't be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

This is a **temporary measure** while COVID-19 rates remain high across the UK. Whilst levels of COVID-19 are high, the vast majority of people with positive LFD results can be confident that they have COVID-19.

Anyone who develops 1 of the 3 main COVID-19 symptoms should stay at home and self-isolate and take a PCR test. They must self-isolate if they get a positive test result, even if they have had a recent negative lateral flow test – these rules have not changed.

Under this new approach, anyone who receives a positive LFD test result should <u>report their</u> <u>result on GOV.UK</u> and must self-isolate immediately but will not need to take a follow-up PCR test. After reporting a positive LFD test result, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace so that their contacts can be traced and must continue to self-isolate.

<u>Further information can be found here</u>

We thank you as always for working with us to minimise the spread of COVID 19. Please remember that every case of COVID in school, however mild, has the potential to impact on staffing, and staffing levels are crucial in order to ensure that all pupils continue to have face to face education in school every day.

We thank you for your continued support

Ann Davey

Chief Executive Officer