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Dear parents and carers,

You may already be aware that all staff in primary schools have the option to test themselves regularly for Covid-19, in order to detect those who are asymptomatic. The school has received an allocation of lateral flow tests and staff will now begin testing themselves twice a week, if they choose to do so.

Should a member of staff test positive, we will inform the parents of those children considered to have been in close contact with that staff member. Your child will then need to begin a period of self-isolation. The member of staff will undertake a more accurate PCR test as a priority. Once that result has been received, we will inform you as to whether the period of self-isolation must continue, because the PCR test result was positive, or whether children and staff may return to school, because the PCR test result was negative.

We have asked staff to test themselves on Tuesday and Friday evenings. Please assume that if you have not heard anything from myself on these evenings, all tests have returned a negative result.

Yours sincerely,

Debbie Shepherd

Acting Headteacher

