



15th March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Further Information regarding Lateral Flow Testing (LFT)

I am writing to clarify our school position with regard to Lateral Flow Testing. You may be aware, through media coverage, that staff in primary schools are able to access Lateral Flow Testing. This is intended to identify positive cases of coronavirus from staff who are asymptomatic. (1 in 3 people with Covid-19 don't have any symptoms). At St. Elizabeth's this began in January and I am pleased to say that all our staff agreed to take part in the testing process. This is because our staff are committed to ensuring our school remains as safe a place as possible during this time.

Last week we informed you that home testing kits are available for households, childcare and support bubbles of primary and secondary aged pupils. I strongly recommend you collect these from the Brownley Road Testing Site.

Should we discover a positive LFT result from either a staff member or a child in school, then the following actions will be taken:

- The class bubble would temporarily close
- A PCR test should be booked immediately
- If a PCR result comes back negative then the class bubble would open the following day after confirmation of the negative PCR test
- If a PCR test result comes back positive the class bubble would remain closed and with all members of that bubble needing to isolate for 10 days

The safety of our school community is extremely important to us and by following the rules that remain in place we will all help to reduce the transmission.

Please be aware that we follow government guidelines at all times and our main priority is for school to be open for all children.

Thank you for your support in this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

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