

Notices for parents of children who are coming into school as part of the vulnerable cohort or the children of critical workers

Testing in school

You will be aware that there has been a lot of controversy about lateral flow testing for Covid. There is a lot of research that suggests that the reliability of this test has not been proven. We are arranging to test staff and students who come into school without symptoms, but only when permission is given. If the test is positive then the staff member or student will be given the more reliable PCR test and will be told to isolate at home. If the PCR test comes back negative they can return to school. As things stand, we will ***not*** be asking students who have been in contact with the disease to come into school to be tested until we receive the proper assurances from Public Health that the testing system is accurate.