

7th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our school has been invited to take part in additional testing as a precautionary measure due to a number of positive cases of Covid-19 prior to half term.

Thank you all for diligently testing using the LFD tests distributed to all schools. However, we have been offered support from the Local Authority Health Team in the form of a PCR test being made available to all students, families and staff. This will help us continue to do everything we can to reduce the chance of further periods of remote learning.

Dr. Sakthi Karunanithi and the Public Health Team are requesting our support and asking:

- For your child and household members to undertake a PCR test.
- PCR tests will be given out by school and should be registered and carried out at home as per instructions.
- Completed tests should be delivered back to school the following day. These will then be taken to a collection point, to enable the genomic sequencing. **Please do not put completed tests in the post.**

There will be additional information with the test kits on how to process the test and return. Our plan is to distribute the tests to students at the close of school on Tuesday, as they leave the site. Please make you ask your child to take the number of tests you require for your household if you agree to take part. I have also included some attachments with advice and guidance as whilst the procedure for testing is the same as LFDs, the follow up is different.

For those taking part in the PCR tests, please use the attachment giving details of how to register your test online. This is vital for us, so that we can simply collect the envelopes and send them away. When the test is complete, we would ask that they are returned to school and we will collect all of the test from students as they arrive at school on Wednesday morning.

You can do a PCR test even if:

- You have no Covid-19 symptoms.
- You have had one or both Covid-19 vaccinations.
- You previously tested positive for Covid-19 (over 90 days ago).

If you have tested positive with a PCR test within the last 90 days, you do not need to be tested.

I realise that this is a long way from normal, but we are assured this could help us keep our school open as much as possible during this period of national reopening. Whilst your support is greatly appreciated, we also understand fully those that would prefer not to take part. The school will have no access to the records of this testing process.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

Your sincerely,



Mr Baker

Headteacher