



Email Message dated: 22.01.2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the information shared with parents on [Monday 18th January](#), I am writing to confirm what a positive Lateral Flow Test (LFT) from a member of staff will mean for Rackham families.

Upon a positive staff LFT result, the contacts (the school bubble) of this individual will be identified and instructed to self-isolate to minimise the chances of transmission within the school community. At Rackham, we will not wait for the confirmatory PCR (the lab processed test) before doing so. Positive LFT results will trigger a PCR Covid test for the staff member, and if this test returns as negative, we will of course re-open the bubble, providing no other members within it have a confirmed case of Covid. We believe the DfE may be releasing further guidance shortly, but do not anticipate it causing us to alter our present plan.

These procedures mirror those we have in place for a positive PCR result.

We have four bubbles in school at present and all pupils within these bubbles remain separated from other bubbles for the duration of the school day. As such, unless a staff member has had close contact with a pupil outside of their bubble, only the bubble they are currently working in will need to be closed.

Please be aware, staff testing is due to start on Monday 25th January in all schools, but unfortunately not all schools have yet received the testing kits. We do not anticipate ours arriving until the middle of next week.

If any parents have any questions about this information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office and we will be happy to help.

Kind regards,

Mrs B Harrison
Headteacher