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Dear parents

As you will be aware from the news, Primary schools are to be supplied with lateral flow device (LFD) test kits to self-swab and help identify people with a high viral load who are the most likely to spread the virus further. We have had the tests delivered and will begin this week. The LFD test will give a result in around 30 minutes. Staff will carry out the test twice a week.

Staff with a positive LFD test result will need to self-isolate in line with the [stay-at-home guidance](#). They will also need to arrange a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test to confirm the result. Staff with a negative LFD test result can continue to attend school and use the standard protective measures.

For those of you accessing provision, this may mean a change in staffing according to the circumstances. Hopefully, we should be able to remain open for all children but please do be aware that should circumstances change you will be informed at once.

Thank you for your continued support with the Remote Learning Provision. Our teaching staff are continuing to work extremely hard to provide the best teaching and learning for all of the children. It is your responsibility as parents to support them in their work and to communicate with us if you are struggling. We will always do our best to support you in the best way that we can. Can I remind you that if you request a paper pack, please do take the time to pick it up and then drop it off at the time requested. We have had some packs not collected which is a little frustrating as it does take time to put these together. Thank you in advance.

We have not been given any further information with regard to when school will resume. The Government have stated that we will have at two weeks' notice to enable us to prepare. As always, I will keep you up to date on the situation as it occurs.

I look forward to seeing those of you who can join me on Friday for our regular zoom catch up. If you cannot join but do have a concern / issue, then please do email it to the office and I will raise it.

Thank you again for your ongoing support.

Yours in faith and partnership

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