

Monday, 25th January 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

We are all being challenged hugely at the moment, and I want to thank you again for supporting our school adaptations since the start of term. We remain focused on delivering education but we are doing it as safely as we can for the benefit of children, parents and staff.

I am therefore pleased that staff testing has now arrived as this will add a further level of safety to our schools. Staff testing will be conducted at home, not school. Staff will test themselves twice per week with Lateral Flow Tests, and this will allow us to immediately take steps if any staff member tests positive.

This is a significant undertaking for the school to organise, and particularly for the staff who are making this commitment to keep school as safe as possible for everyone in the school community. I trust you will want to join me in thanking everyone involved.

Children are **not** part of the testing programme, and tests issued to staff are strictly for their own use. For any child showing symptoms, please book an NHS test immediately and **do not** bring the child to school.

As you would expect, if a member of school staff tests positive for COVID-19, bubble closures may occur. School will notify you if your child is impacted at the earliest opportunity.

All existing safety measures in our schools will continue to be observed, there are no changes – the staff testing programme is another layer of Covid-security to keep schools as safe as they can be.

Thank you as always for your ongoing support and understanding.

Remember you can take a look at our Transform Community Hub Home Learning portal <http://www.transform-trust.co.uk> and in particular the parents menu option where you can find out more about all the exciting activities we have on the website.

Best Wishes

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