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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Testing PCR / Lateral Flow

It is imperative if you or a member of your family (household/support bubble) has symptoms of Covid-19 a PCR test is booked immediately. Whilst you are waiting for this and the results, **all** members should isolate. Please remember that, anyone who is symptomatic (showing symptoms) should **NOT** do a lateral flow test as these are for those who are asymptomatic (showing no symptoms).

As per the NHS website, the main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child has any of the main symptoms above:

1. Get a PCR test (test that is sent to a lab) to check if they have COVID-19 as soon as possible - <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>
2. You, your child and anyone else you live with should stay at home and not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have the test.

Anyone in your childcare or support bubble should also stay at home if your child has been in close contact with them since their symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they started.

Compared to other settings, we have been extremely fortunate so far to have had limited impact on school and children's learning whilst school has been open. Please continue to support our whole community by staying within the guidance. If you have any queries please consult the NHS website or call 119.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.



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