



# Senacre Wood Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Staff Lateral Flow Testing**

The Government have rolled out a national testing system for all staff in primary schools. These tests are called Lateral Flow Tests and they are important because staff could be carrying the virus asymptotically without knowing it and may spread it to others. The testing of all staff without symptoms will support schools to continue to operate safely.

The guidance advises that staff need to test twice weekly. If a staff member receives a positive Lateral Flow Test result, they then need to book a PCR test (a normal COVID-19 test) through a COVID test centre. In the meantime, the staff member's bubble needs to be closed whilst we await the PCR result. This could take anywhere between 24 and 72 hours. If the PCR result is negative, then the staff member will return and the bubble will be re-opened. However, if the PCR result is positive, then the staff member and bubble will continue to self-isolate, following guidance from Public Health England.

We appreciate that a bubble closure will cause disruption to your work schedule, however, we need to carefully follow the guidance to ensure we are keeping the whole school community safe. As ever, we will communicate bubble closures as soon as we are aware of a positive Lateral Flow Test but this will only be the evening before, due to the timing of when the tests need to be carried out.

Thank you once again for your continued support during this ever-changing situation.

If you have any further questions, please email to [office@senacre-wood.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@senacre-wood.kent.sch.uk).

Kind regards,

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