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Dear Colleague,

As you may already be aware, we are now in a position to offer Lateral Flow Device (LFD) testing for COVID-19 in school. This programme has been started in schools to allow us to help identify people who may be asymptomatic and could be unknowingly spreading the virus. Those individuals who opt in, will be asked to take a test twice weekly for the duration of the testing period.

Taking part in the testing programme is **entirely optional**; we would ask that all members of staff let us know if they are opting in or out. If you opt in, we need you to commit to the full testing period of seven tests. Having completed this period you can take another pack, or opt out.

Full instructions on how to complete the test and how to submit the results are included in an information booklet that school will provide. The onus is on you to carry out the test and to submit the results. School will not check that this has been done or chase up results. We only need to be informed of the result if this is **positive** or **inconclusive**.

If you have tested positive for coronavirus within the last **90 days** please do not take part in the LFD testing programme.

Please contact the school office to opt in or out, or to arrange collecting a pack. If you decide to take part please also read the information booklet in full.

Many thanks

Paul Lord

Head Teacher **Mr P Lord**