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Dear Parents/Guardians

### **CORONAVIRUS MASS ASYMPTOMATIC TESTING - JANUARY 2021**

We are working to keep Headlands School as safe as possible. At the request of the Department for Education, we are required to offer Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests to all students and staff.

The LFD test is free of charge, and will form part of a weekly routine to be carried out by students themselves. They will be required to self-administer a swab of the nose and throat; results are shown within an hour.

#### **What if the result is positive?**

- Positive results will be shared directly with students and parents/carers will be informed by their Year Leaders.
- If a student tests positive using a LFD test, the student and other household members will also need to self-isolate for 10 days in line with national guidance. In addition, students are required to take a confirmatory Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test. PCR tests must be arranged by yourself via a local NHS testing station.
- If the PCR test result is negative students can return to school and household members would no longer be required to self-isolate.

#### **What if my child's bubble is closed due to a positive COVID-19 case?**

- A student may wish to be tested to enable them to continue to attend school, should the school bubble close due to a positive case of coronavirus. They must be tested for 7 school days following their last contact with the positive case. These tests will be carried out by appointment only, after 3pm each day and will be arranged on an individual basis.
- Should they test positive during this period, the student and other household members will also need to self-isolate for 10 days in line with national guidance. In addition, students are required to take a confirmatory Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test. PCR tests must be arranged by yourself via a local NHS testing station. If the PCR test result is negative students can return to school and household members would no longer be required to self-isolate.

#### **How do I confirm my consent for LFD testing?**

- If you wish to consent for your child to take part in this testing programme when they return to school, after the lockdown period has ended, please complete the Consent Form by clicking on this link - <https://forms.gle/PkNcdHJ5YKJsW3uL6> Please reply by 07.01.2021 at 4pm.

Please remember, LFD testing is voluntary and can only be carried out with your consent.


Yours sincerely

  
Mrs Bone  
Headteacher

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