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Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your participation in asymptomatic lateral flow device (LFD) testing.

Up to 50% of people who have Covid-19 virus may have no or very mild symptoms, but they could still spread the disease to others. Regular twice weekly testing and reporting, along with other preventive measures, helps limit the transmission of Covid-19. This helps keep our school open and our community safe.

Quality Assurance is an important part of the testing programme. It helps the NHS Test & Trace ensure that test kits are effective and that tests are being conducted correctly. One of the ways the quality assurance is undertaken is by doing a 'dual test'. This means that, along with one LFD test, participants are asked to do one PCR test. Comparison of the results helps NHS Test & Trace to ensure the quality of LFD testing.

Our school has been invited to participate in this dual testing exercise and I am writing to you to let you know what this involves.

The Testing Quality Assurance is due to run from 5th October 2021 to 15th October 2021 after which the school will revert to current testing. Students who are doing twice weekly rapid tests at home can also collect **one postal PCR kit** from the school.

Students are asked to take one additional PCR test swab when they do their next rapid (LFD) test, and then complete a quick and simple online form. Further details are included in the Participant Information Sheet which will be included with the PCR test kit. Participation is voluntary but we encourage you to participate where possible

If you are happy for your child to participate in this exercise, please ask your child to collect a PCR test kit from school. These will be available from a stall opposite the reception vending machines at both break times tomorrow - Tuesday 5th October. They will also be available to collect at the start and end of the day from reception from Wednesday 6th until Friday 15th October.

Kind Regards,

R Fegan

Rich Fegan
Vice Principal



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