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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope that you remain safe and well.

We are aware that the recent expansion of home-testing for COVID-19 may be causing some confusion.

It is extremely important to be aware that testing using Lateral Flow Devices (LFDs) is only appropriate for people who are **NOT** symptomatic.

Anyone who has any of the COVID-19 symptoms (fever, persistent cough, change in the sense of taste or smell) should immediately self-isolate, along with their household, and arrange a Polymerase Chain Reaction test (PCR) at a testing site.

This is a legal requirement; in no circumstances should an LFD test be used instead of booking a PCR test; as these tests do not have the required sensitivity for symptomatic testing and are likely to produce false-negative results. This could result in children attending school when they are infectious.

It is important that as a school we do not allow staff or children to attend school when they are symptomatic just because they have a negative LFD test result.

Anyone who is symptomatic should self-isolate and arrange a PCR test.

Very simply, **Symptoms = PCR test**; only people without symptoms should be using LFD tests.

Please take care and look after yourselves.

Yours Sincerely

Mr. Smith

