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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may have seen from recent news coverage, the government will be introducing optional lateral flow testing for staff in primary schools from next week. This letter is to clarify how this will be used in our academies and how it could affect our provision.

This testing is only for staff (there will be no testing of children) and testing will take place at home not on the school site. These tests will add another layer of safety and control to our academies with testing happening twice each week. The tests are designed to identify any asymptomatic staff and ensure they self-isolate further improving our risk management in schools. Any children or families experiencing symptoms of coronavirus should still not attend school, self-isolate and get a test.

If a positive case is identified, the academy will follow their existing procedures. Where 'bubbles' of children have been exposed to anyone who tests positive for coronavirus, families will be contacted, and self-isolation will be necessary. If this happens the academy will contact those children directly affected and give clear instruction.

If you have any further questions about the process, please do not hesitate to contact your academy directly.

Yours sincerely,

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