



29th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

You may have seen on the news that primary staff are to be regularly tested with something called a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test. Staff can opt into this weekly regime where they self-test at home twice a week. The LFD tests are to limit the amount of staff who may be asymptomatic and still come to work and go out in the community. This is a positive step in the right direction and should help to reduce the transmission rates across the country.

If a staff member runs the test and it comes back positive, we will close the bubble they work with. The staff member will then need to go for a PCR test (polymerase chain reaction test) as these are seen as more accurate.

If that test comes back negative we can re-open the bubble and the member of staff and children in that Bubble can return to school.

If the PCR test comes back positive, we will need to continue the bubble closure for the isolation period as directed by PHE and the DFE. We will notify you if this was to happen.

In light of this new testing regime I feel it is important to make you aware of the steps school is putting in place.

This new information can be found on our updated risk assessment at <https://www.southgladeprimary.co.uk/covid19-information/>

As I have mentioned earlier in this letter, I feel this is definitely a step in the right direction and I thank you in advance for your understanding, patience and planning if bubbles are to close.

As always, please do not hesitate to phone school or email me if you would like any further clarity on these issues.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Alison Thomas

Head Teacher

Southglade Primary and Nursery School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

