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Dear Pioneer Families,

Regular testing for staff members

As you may be aware, Primary and Nursery staff have been invited to take part in twice weekly, voluntary testing using the Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test. Staff have been invited to opt-in to this scheme and will carry out tests at home twice a week before coming to work. We are writing to update you on the procedure if we are notified of a positive LFD test.

If the test result is positive, the staff member will begin to self-isolate and book a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test at a testing site. They, along with their household, will isolate until the result from the PCR is returned.

Upon notification of a positive LFD test, the leadership team in the school affected will work with the staff member, Public Health England and the Department for Education to identify the next steps. **Close contacts of the staff member with the positive LFD will be notified and asked to self-isolate, pending a confirmation result from a PCR.** If the PCR comes back negative, the staff member and all those who had been asked to self-isolate will return to school.

If the PCR is positive, those who are self-isolating will continue to do this until the 10-day isolation period ends and online learning will be provided for them in the same way it has been since Term 3.

If your child is **not** identified as a close contact to a staff member who has had a positive LFD, you will be notified that there has been a positive LFD within the school community but **you do not need to take any further action**. As always, we aim to keep you as updated as possible with information we receive.

Please do not hesitate to contact your Head of School if you have any questions.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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