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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been informed that a number of individuals in our setting have tested positive for COVID-19. This is now classed as an outbreak.

We know that you may find this concerning, but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health and the local authority to identify recent contacts and put in place additional infection control measures. There are active cases in almost all classes and amongst the staff. For children in Classes 1, 2, 3 and 5, Cheshire East Public Health have recommended that pupils take a lateral flow device (LFD) test each morning before school for the next 5 days. This is to check if they have contracted the virus, so that you and they are able to make decisions to limit the spread of COVID-19.

LFD tests should not be used if your child has any symptoms. In this case please do not send your child to school and book a PCR test. We currently have a significant number of pupils absent from school with upset stomachs at the moment and this does seem to have been a common feature of our latest positive cases. If your child is poorly in this way, we would very strongly urge you to take them for a PCR test at the earliest opportunity and keep them at home until the outcome is known.

Close contacts under the age of 18 years are not required to isolate. Individuals who have had close social contact such as sleepovers with the positive case may be contacted by Test and Trace.

If your child has a negative lateral flow result and is symptom-free, they can and should continue to attend the setting as normal. They can also carry out all other activities in line with national guidance and following all safety measures which have been put in place based on national and local Public Health advice.













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Lateral flow device (LFD) home testing can help to check if someone has COVID-19. If people test positive and self-isolate, it helps stop the virus spreading. Even if you're vaccinated, you could still catch the virus or pass it on. Doing rapid tests helps to protect yourself and others.

If you do not have any LFDs at home, you can get further supplies from the gov.uk home order channel, Order <u>coronavirus (COVID-19) rapid lateral flow</u> <u>tests - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</u>. Any results should be reported to the NHS and **all positive results reported to the school**.

All adults and many young people are now eligible for COVID vaccines. To check eligibility and how to get a vaccine visit <u>NHS coronavirus vaccine</u> information or <u>Cheshire East coronavirus vaccination programme</u>.

## What to do if anyone in the household develop symptoms of COVID 19

If anyone develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home and book a PCR as advised in <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance</u>

Anyone with symptoms can request a test for via <u>https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested</u>

## **Further Information**

Further information is available at <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/</a>

Yours sincerely,

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