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Dear Parent,

Update on lateral flow tests and outcomes

Please see the updated guidance from the DFE regarding lateral flow testing for secondary school students, in italics below. The school will continue to test students on three occasions between now and 26th March. If any student receives a positive result through the in-school lateral flow testing your household will be required to isolate for ten days.

*If a pupil or student received a supervised school-based LFD test, as part of the rapid asymptomatic testing programme, and it was positive then they and other members of their household must self-isolate. PCR testing **is not advised** if you have received a positive result from an LFD test at a school or college test site. If a parent was to do this and it returned a negative result, the policy remains that the pupil or student, their close contacts, and other members of their household must still self-isolate.*

We are pleased to report the first two days of testing have gone smoothly and we will contact you again once we have further details of the home testing kits for students. There is slightly different guidance in italics below that will come into effect and we will remind you of this in our next communication.

*All positive results from rapid tests undertaken at home **do need** to be confirmed with a standard PCR test. This is because these tests are not conducted in a controlled environment and will not have trained staff on hand. Following positive LFD test at home, a confirmatory PCR test should be booked online or by calling 119. Whilst awaiting the PCR result, the pupil or student and their close contacts should self-isolate. If the PCR test is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test (at home only) and a child can return to school.*