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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may already have heard in the news, the government are introducing voluntary asymptomatic testing of all school staff starting week 25th January 2021.

As a school, we are more than happy to facilitate this and feel that it will benefit our staff, children and community, and ultimately help slow down the spread of the virus. This is a lateral flow test that will indicate a positive or negative result. If a result is positive then a further PCR test (at a test site) must be taken.

We want to inform you of this as it may have some impact on class bubbles and in some cases mean bubbles will close at short notice. It is therefore important that you have a 'back up' plan in case of a bubble closure. The testing is in place to identify asymptomatic cases and therefore we would otherwise not have known that staff were positive. We have chosen to test staff on a Saturday morning and Tuesday evening.

This means we may contact you on a Saturday afternoon or Tuesday evening to inform you of the imminent closure of a class bubble. Your child must isolate at home during this time and access home learning via Showbie.

Please rest assured that our risk assessment will not change. We remain happy that our bubble system and safety measures are robust.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. C. Smith
Head Teacher



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