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Lateral Flow Testing (LFT) at East Dene Primary School

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Government recently introduced Lateral Flow Testing for COVID-19, which provides a result (positive or negative) within 30 minutes, and as schools are seen as a critical front-line service, Lateral Flow Testing of school staff will commence in schools.

As you are probably aware, there is a real concern regarding the spread of COVID-19 by asymptomatic people (those who have the virus but are showing no symptoms). Around 1 in 3 people who have the virus do not have symptoms, yet they are still infectious and can pass the virus on to others without realising.

If a staff member tests positive for the virus, and has been in contact with the children currently in school, we will follow guidance from the Department of Education. If we need to close a bubble, we will notify the relevant parents as soon as we can.

I am sure you will agree that the introduction of this testing is another big step in controlling the spread of the virus and it will help ensure staff can continue to work safely.

Thank you for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mrs Ridge".

Mrs Ridge
Head of School