



## Christ Church CE VC Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,



As you may be aware, all staff at school will now be tested for traces of coronavirus twice weekly using the lateral flow tests (LFT). This programme of asymptomatic testing is part of the government strategy to break chains of transmission.

I am writing specifically to those of you who have children attending at this present time so I can outline what would happen should a member of staff test positive.

As soon as the school is notified of a positive (LFT) test, the member of staff will need to isolate and undertake a full PCR test. In the meantime, the 'bubble' (year group) will close for 48 hours with immediate effect. Closure will be for all children irrespective of their classification for attending school.

School will contact you via Parentmail of any closure – the likelihood is it will be about 07:00hrs. The key days for most results will be Monday and Thursday mornings.

During the 48-hour closure, the school will contact you again to let you know whether the children are able to return to school or whether full isolation, in accordance with the guidance, is necessary. In the meantime, the learning will switch to remote learning using Google Classroom.

The testing model being used in primary schools is different to the one used in secondary schools. At the moment the government are not looking into testing primary aged pupils in the same way as they were secondary pupils.

The testing of all school staff begins this week.

I apologise in advance for the short notice of any closure but I hope you will understand that, as a school, we need to act quickly to protect us all.

I would also like to reassure you that this new testing regime will not lessen our current COVID secure measures around school. It is important that we all continue to wash our hands regularly, continue to wear our face coverings and maintain our social distancing at all times – both inside and outside of school.

Yours sincerely

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