

COVID-19 Test Centre Risk Assessment

The school-based program will utilise the Lateral Flow Device (LFDs) rapid test. Based upon clinical evidence these tests, when used effectively can help identify people who have high levels of virus but who do not have symptoms and would not otherwise be coming forward for a test. It is therefore hoped that the chain of possible infection can be reduced through this school-based program.

This testing program is only intended for potential asymptomatic staff. Symptomatic staff will be required to undertake standard offsite testing options known as the PCR test.

The testing program contains the following elements:

- i) **Asymptomatic Twice Weekly Routine Testing - Staff:** All Primary staff will be able to have routine testing twice a week which will be completed at home. The aim is to identify asymptomatic staff to reduce the level of potential infection within schools. **This will take place on a Sunday Evening and Wednesday evening at home.**

An individual will be told if they test positive, negative or void on a 'lateral flow' test. If they test negative they will carry on as normal, if they test positive they will need to isolate along with the people they live with. Those who they have been in close contact with will need to also isolate until the staff member has completed a PCR test which will confirm a positive or negative test. If a result of a void test is shown the staff member should complete another LFD test. If 2 void tests are shown then the staff member should go for a full PCR test and isolate until the results are received.

Any member of staff who tests positive on the lateral flow test will stay at home, self-isolate and take a further Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test on the same day (or as soon as possible). The school will be able to provide these PCR test kits to perform at home, or a follow-up test may be booked via www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or by calling 119. Individuals will be advised that if ordering a PCR test themselves, to visit a drive-through test site if possible, as it is faster than requesting a home test (The Malvern site is on Como Road.) During the time while they wait for the PCR result, they will need to self-isolate. If the PCR test is positive, they will need to self-isolate for ten days from the point of the positive PCR test. If the PCR test is negative, they may return to onsite learning within school.

The risks and required control measures have been identified using DfE and NHS guidance. Our testing system has also been advised to our Public Liability Insurer. Schools are required to:

- i) Identify any additional school-specific controls that may be required for operation; and
- ii) Confirm all identified required control measures are in place

COVID-19 Risk Assessment: Primary School Asymptomatic Testing

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Completed by (name)	Virginia Beale
Completed by (Job Title)	Acting Headteacher
Assessment Date:	23/01/2021

Identified Risk	Specific risk details	Required Control Measures	Complete
Unreliable test results	Staff could still be asymptomatic as the LFD has recorded a negative result as it is only 50-80% reliable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to follow all COVID-19 risk assessments in school Socially distance within school Wear masks throughout the building Wash hands regularly for 20 seconds Use hand sanitizer when moving around the building 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Unreliable test results	Staff do not complete the process of testing correctly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share all the documentation with staff Ensure they watch the DVD of the NHS staff completing the testing Inform the staff that the test must only be for them and not another member of their family Ensure that they have the correct version of the instructions booklet v3.2.1 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Incorrect results shared with SLT/ NHS	Staff have not read the indicator correctly/ do not want to say they are positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure the RA in school is being adhered to. Should anyone share incorrect results on purpose they would be disciplined and asked to leave the premises if they were positive Ensure all staff know how to read the results and correctly inform NHS/SLT Continue to socially distance in school and follow good hygiene processes 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Staff injured from using the LFD	Nose bleeds following the use of LFD Throat sore Reaction to the process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that staff are fully informed by the You Tube clips, information leaflets, guidance from DfE on how to complete the tests safely Share safety advice Inform staff to inform doctor if they have a reaction or adverse reaction to the process and to stop using the LFD until it is investigated by a medical professional 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Void tests	Void tests indicate that the test may not have been completed correctly or there could be a problem with the LFD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should a void test result occur then another test should be completed If 2 void tests result occur then a full PCR test should be completed and the member of staff should isolate until the results from the PCR are returned. 	
Positive LFD result	Staff member has completed the LFD test and the result has shown as positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member of staff and people they live with should isolate Any bubble and staff members who are classed as close contacts should isolate Member of staff with a positive result should get a PCR test immediately and continue to isolate with the people they live with until their results come back If the PCR result is negative then they can go back to work and the bubble and close contacts can return to school If the PCR results are positive they and the people they live with should isolate for the full 10 days and the bubble and close contacts continue to isolate for the full 10 days 	