



## Barmby Moor CE Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

You may be aware that all school staff have been asked by the Department for Education (DfE), to take a lateral flow test (LFT) twice weekly, in order to monitor cases of Covid 19 in schools, and to support us to stay open and our communities to stay safe. If your child accesses our critical worker school provision, this may have implications for your family in the coming weeks.

Up to one in three people who have the virus have it without symptoms (they are asymptomatic) so could be spreading the disease unknowingly. The tests will be carried out twice weekly so that any member of staff who may be carrying the virus can be identified and asked to isolate in order to control the spread.

Staff at our school will be asked to test each Wednesday evening and Sunday evening. Should a member of staff have a positive result, they will need to self-isolate. They will then have to go to a test centre to have a PCR test in order to confirm the result.

This obviously has implications for all of our families. If your child has a place in school, we may need to ask you to keep your child at home and to learn remotely at short notice if a member of staff, in your child's critical worker bubble, tests positive after taking an LFT. We therefore ask that you have short-notice childcare options in place. We will endeavour to get a message of closure to you by 7.30pm on a Wednesday or by 7:30pm on a Sunday.

We will confirm whether the closure is for 10 days as soon as we receive the result of the second test.

I do understand that this may well be disruptive for you and may be difficult to manage, but I sincerely hope that this development will help us to identify positive cases more quickly and break the chains of transmission.

We are all very much looking forward to the day when we can welcome all our pupils back in school and we can enjoy being together again. Let us hope that this testing regime makes this happen a little sooner.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Take care,

Mr J Baxter  
Executive Headteacher

*Barmby Moor Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.*