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LFD Testing

Dear parent and carers of critical workers and the vulnerable pupils

As you will be aware, after receiving the completed consent form, we have been conducting the lateral flow device (LFD) testing in school for the children who have been in school.

There are almost daily updates from the Department for Education (DFE) and Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) regarding the coronavirus. CBC issued in the evening of Wednesday 20th January, that:

- of critical workers (Years 7+) who are on school and college sites: **2 tests only, 3-5 days apart**
- This is a one-off for pupils, and once pupils have had their initial tests, **they do not need to be tested subsequently on a weekly basis**. Settings should be aware that if they are Secondary schools and colleges should now be offering rapid, **initial Lateral Flow Tests (LFTs)** to all vulnerable children and children use tests in this way, they may not have sufficient tests for when schools re-open for all pupils

In accordance with this, we will carry on testing pupils until they have had the two initial tests only.

If your child is coming back to school for the first time, could you please complete the consent form, which can be found on our website, alternatively you can complete the form using this link <https://forms.gle/miAmJtNmELW5qVTZ8>

There will no doubt be further information going forward and we will keep you updated as to the implications of the guidance.

Yours sincerely

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