

ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

5th March 2021

Dear Parents

Rapid Lateral Flow Device (LFD) COVID-19 Testing for Parents and children

I hope that you all had a chance to read my letter sent on Tuesday regarding school opening fully on Monday. One of the ways to support the school in keeping as safe as possible from Covid-19 is through lateral flow device (LFD) testing. The staff at school have been invited to do this since January and it is a quick way of finding out if you are carrying Covid-19 but have no symptoms.

This programme has now been extended to parents and children attending primary school. Attached to this email is a list of places where you can either be tested or where you can collect a home testing kit from.

I would encourage you to carry out the test twice per week. The school staff do theirs on Sundays and Wednesdays. By carrying out these tests, we will help to reduce the spread of Covid-19 in school.

If your LFD test is positive you must self-isolate and book a PCR test. If the PCR test is also positive, continue to isolate for 10 full days from the date of the LFD test. If the PCR test is negative, I am waiting for conclusive advice – some say still self-isolate and others, you don't need to – I will let you know should this arise for anyone.

A negative LFD result should not be read as a means to relax or ignore social distancing or other virus prevention measures intended to reduce transmission such as hand washing.

Parents and children who decline to participate can still attend school if not symptomatic. If you do show symptoms, you must immediately self-isolate and get a PCR test.

If you have any questions about this, please email me at headteacher@st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk

Kind regards

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