



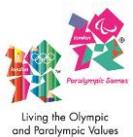
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CHADDESLEY CORBETT ENDOWED PRIMARY & PRE-SCHOOL

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Dear parents and Carers,

I hope you are all doing well and keeping safe. I am writing to you today to tell you about how we are going to communicate your child's progress and about some new procedures that have been introduced to primary schools that may have an impact on our day to day running.

You may have heard in the media that all primary school staff are being requested to carry out twice weekly lateral flow testing in order to remove asymptomatic people who have COVID 19 and are unwittingly spreading it around school.

What this will actually mean for us is that most staff will be taking a lateral flow test at home before they start work for that week and again during the week after three or four days. If the lateral flow test (LFT) result is positive then that person needs to inform school and track and trace. They then need to book a PCR test at a test site to confirm the result. They will need to self-isolate while they do this and while they are waiting for the result.

Lateral flow tests do not need a laboratory to give a result but PCR tests do. PCR tests are more sensitive and therefore more accurate. Lateral flow tests are said to be 88% accurate.

What this means for you is that we may need to close your child's bubble if their teacher or learning assistant tests positive. Obviously if the PCR test comes back negative we will be able to open the bubble very quickly. If the PCR test comes back positive we will let you know the exact return date after 10 days from the LFT. We are lucky that some teachers will not have been in school for nine days prior to their test so we won't need to close their bubble. Their partner will just replace them. It does not change all our current safety measures that are in place.

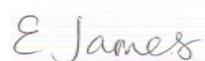
If a wraparound staff member tests positive we will close the wraparound bubble.

Thank you so much for your constant support and understanding. It seems that every week we have new information and procedures to adhere to. We are working very hard to give the best possible service to our families and keep you safe.

I also want to inform you about how we are planning to organise our Spring term parents meetings. We are going to organise with every family a 10-minute telephone or zoom conversation to discuss their child's progress and attainment. We will follow this up with a formal report slip that is a true record of the information given during the call. The call will differ from our regular catch up and wellbeing check-in and will be focussing on education. Your child's teacher will be in touch soon to organise a mutually convenient time. I hope that we will be able to have a face to face meeting of some description in the summer term. We really miss seeing our families and look forward to a return of normal school life.

In the meantime if you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kindest, warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "E James".

Mrs James
Headteacher