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# Lateral Flow Test Initial Letter Closing Buttercup Class – Woodpecker Hall Academy School

Advice for Child to Self-Isolate

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have been advised that a member of staff, in your child's class, has had a positive test from a Lateral Flow Device (LFD). This member of staff has now been sent for a full PCR test to confirm this result.

We have followed the national guidance and have identified that your child has been in close contact with this member of staff and therefore your child must now stay at home and self-isolates whilst we await the result of the full PCR test.

Buttercup class will be closed pending this result. Please **do not** send your child into school until you hear otherwise. Please note that any siblings in other classes can continue to attend school as normal, providing they are well.

If the member of staff tests negative following the PCR test, we will re-open the class. I will write to you with further details as soon as I have them.

#### **Home Learning**

For the next few days, your child's teacher will be working from home too. Your child will be expected to continue to learn from home every day and your child's learning will be posted onto DB Primary daily.

Class registration will take place at 9am via Zoom each morning and your child must attend as this is where the day's learning will be explained.

#### What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared.

Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged  $\underline{\text{here}}$  or by calling 119.

### **COVID-19 Symptoms**

If your child is well now, they do not need any specific treatment. However, you should be vigilant for any symptoms of COVID-19 infection and where these are observed seek a test.

The common symptoms of recent onset of:

- New continuous cough and/or
- High temperature
- Loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If you, or anyone in your family, has these symptoms now or in the future, arrange to have a test as soon as possible, stay at home for 10 days from when your symptoms started, even if you are mildly unwell.

All other members of your household will need to self-isolate for 10 days. This is to protect others in your community.

If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 <a href="here">here</a>.

Testing for people with symptoms is available and more information can be found here.

## **Precautions**

- There are things you can do to avoid catching or spreading coronavirus
- Wash your hands with soap and water often do this for at least 20 seconds
- When you leave your home, always wash your hands when you return
- Use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough

or sneeze

- Put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- Try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell

Thank you for your support in this matter. I will write to you as soon as I have the results of the PCR test which should be in the next couple of days.

Kind Regards,

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