



# BANWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

## LATERAL FLOW DEVICE TESTING – SCHOOL STAFF

You may have seen recent announcements that staff in primary schools are being requested to participate in Lateral Flow Device Testing (LFDT) from Monday 25 January. Staff participation is optional, but it will be offered to all staff at Banwell Primary School.

As many as 1 in 3 people may be carrying the virus but not show any symptoms (asymptomatic) and this is why NHS England and the DFE have planned the LFDT programme for education staff.

Testing will take place twice weekly in the evening. If a member of staff gets a positive result from the LFDT they are required to self-isolate and book a confirmatory PCR test at a test centre. Staff will notify school immediately if they have received a positive result and we will email the appropriate pod, if necessary, to advise that pupils must not attend school. Once the result of the PCR test has been received, we will send a further update to families to advise if the pupils can return to school or should continue to isolate for the remainder of the isolation period.

We appreciate that sending an email at short notice to advise parents that pupils must not attend school the next day is far from ideal and may present challenges for parents. However, this is necessary to minimise the onward transmission of the virus if contact has been made with a positive case.

We thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Claire

