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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you and your family are well. As you are aware, the Government is regularly updating guidance for schools. On 18 January, further guidance was released regarding Testing for primary, school-based and maintained nursery staff.

[Rapid asymptomatic coronavirus \(COVID-19\) testing for staff in primary schools, school-based nurseries and maintained nursery schools - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/rapid-asymptomatic-coronavirus-testing-for-staff-in-primary-schools-school-based-nurseries-and-maintained-nursery-schools)

The guidance states that “Following the launch of rapid asymptomatic coronavirus (COVID-19) testing in secondary schools and colleges on 4 January, staff in primary, school-based nurseries and maintained nursery schools are also being offered the opportunity to take part in regular asymptomatic testing.

It remains imperative that the [system of controls](#) continues to be rigorously applied to enable the safest possible environment. The testing programme is an important addition to supporting leaders to maintain the continuity of education through the pandemic.

All primary schools, school-based nurseries and maintained nursery schools will start to receive deliveries of home testing kits to offer to all their staff from 18 January.

Testing is not mandatory for staff and staff do not need to provide proof of a negative test result to attend school or nursery in person, although participation in testing is strongly encouraged. All staff will be strongly encouraged to support the testing process.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Parks