

# Christ Church CE VA Primary School

'Let your light shine'



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## NHS Test and Trace - COVID-19 Testing for Staff:

On Monday 1st February we hope to begin our asymptomatic Covid-19 testing in school, (once our testing kits arrive). Along with the other protective measures we are taking, testing will allow us to take further measures to keep our school as safe an environment as possible. Up to one in three people who have Covid-19, have the virus without symptoms so could be transmitting the virus unknowingly. Tackling the pandemic requires identifying asymptomatic, infectious individuals. By testing, we will help to reduce the spread in schools.

Staff participating will test at home twice a week, in the evening, using Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests which have been widely and successfully used to detect COVID-19 in asymptomatic individuals. No test is perfect, but the speed and convenience of LFD tests supports detection of the virus in asymptomatic individuals who would not otherwise be tested. If a positive test result is received, staff will book a PCR test and the bubble they will work in will be closed until the results of the PCR test, if this test is also positive then the bubble will remain closed with all children/close contacts needing to isolate for 10 days (from the initial test), if it is negative the bubble will re-open. If a bubble does need to be closed we will contact you with as much notice as possible with more information.

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