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Re: Rapid Asymptomatic COVID-19 Testing for Staff in Primary Schools and Nurseries.

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well.

Following the launch of rapid asymptomatic COVID-19 testing in secondary schools at the beginning of January, staff in primary schools and nurseries are now also being offered the opportunity to take part in regular asymptomatic testing. The testing programme will form part of our rigorous controls to enable the safest possible school environments, and is an important addition to supporting leaders to maintain the continuity of education.

All BKCAT primary schools and nurseries have received the test kits and staff have been asked to take them home and carry out the test twice a week. The tests give a result in around 30 minutes. Staff will report their result to NHS Test and Trace as soon as the test is completed and will also share their result with their school or nursery to help with contact tracing. Participation in testing has been strongly encouraged amongst all staff.

Please be aware that if the test result is positive, staff will need to self-isolate in line with the stay-at-home guidance and this may therefore cause some short-term disruption to teaching and learning. School leaders will do all they can to put alternative arrangements in place, but I would ask for your patience and support if your child's school receives a positive result.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank you and your children for the huge number of positive comments I and the schools have received regarding the Trust's remote learning offer. Your collective kind words and support make a huge difference to staff. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Lesley Fitton CEO