

Tuesday 26th January 2021

Dear parents and carers,

RE: COVID-19 TESTING FOR STAFF

The Department for Education has recently announced that it will start a programme of asymptomatic COVID-19 testing for staff in primary schools. This letter is to inform you that John Keats Primary School will be participating in this programme and advise you of some of the potential implications of this.

Staff who have opted in to the process will be taking rapid lateral flow device (LFD) tests twice a week to detect any asymptomatic individuals who would not otherwise be tested. This does mean that if a member of staff receives a positive LFD test they will need to isolate along with any other individual with whom they have been in close contact. These close contacts will include the children within their classes so we may need to get groups of children to isolate at home at very short notice.

It has been requested that staff take the test in the morning before coming to school so in the event of a positive test we will send a text message out to you advising you to keep your child at home. We will then follow this up with a phone call as soon as we can to give you more information about the isolation period.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support and understanding with helping us to try to stop the spread of the virus within our community.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email the school office, 020 3955 8176 or office@jkacademy.org.uk

Many thanks,

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