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"A Place to Care, A Place to Grow, A Place to Shine"

"Train up a child in the way they should go and when they are old they will not depart from it" Proverbs 22 v 6

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

**Re: Lateral Flow Testing in Primary School Children**

We have received some very important information from the Department for Education (Dfe) and Public Health England (PHE) which states the following:

***On advice from Public Health England (PHE), pupils in primary schools and children in nursery settings are not included in the rapid asymptomatic testing programme.***

*PHE has advised that there are currently limited public health benefits to testing primary-aged pupils with lateral flow devices (LFD). In addition, primary-aged pupils, particularly younger children, may find the LFD testing process unpleasant and are unable to self-swab.*

***We are advising that primary-aged pupils should only be tested if they are symptomatic, in which case their families should follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection and book a PCR test for the child.***



Department  
for Education



Public Health  
England

So, based on this advice, may we please ask all Parents and Carers to avoid using Lateral Flow Testing kits on your Primary School aged children with immediate effect. If your child develops symptoms of Coronavirus please ring 119, seek their advice prior to arranging a PCR test and then advise the school immediately using the [closed@wharton.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:closed@wharton.cheshire.sch.uk) email account.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding

Mrs Natalie Tomlinson (Headteacher)

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