

5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As we end another period of school closure, I wanted to thank you for your engagement with home schooling I am aware how hard it can be.

I am briefly writing today also to share with you the details I received from Public Health Wiltshire yesterday around the in-school tests.

### **Asymptomatic lateral flow tests**

- Lateral flow devices are just another tool in the box to reduce the spread of Covid-19 by trying to detect asymptomatic cases
- Social distancing, good hand hygiene and infection prevention & control (IP&C) measures and wearing of face coverings where required should continue as they are the best way of preventing spread of Covid19
- If staff or pupils display any of the Covid-19 symptoms they should isolate along with their household and book a PCR test
- A lateral flow test result is a single point in time and does not mean that they are not incubating Covid-19
- Behaviour should not change because of a negative lateral flow test result. Staff and pupils must still adhere to: social distancing, good hand hygiene and IP&C measures and wearing of face coverings where required should continue as they are the best way of preventing spread of Covid19
- Taking part in the school testing programme is voluntary for staff and pupils

We have conducted over 800 tests in the last 4 days, with very nearly 100% levels of negative results. I take a great sense of security from that and I hope you do also and are all then willing to send in your children into school for a 0840 on Monday 8<sup>TH</sup> March.

I am really driven for us to rise to our responsibility as a school community, in the removal of all lockdown rules, as this is critical. Schools opening first, places a responsibility on us to keep the infections rates down to save lives but also to allow the country to open once again.

I for one want to watch England v Czech Republic in the European Championships on June 22<sup>nd</sup> with all my friends.

Please therefore could you all speak to your sons/daughters about their behaviours to/from and within school, regarding face coverings, hand washing and remaining within their bubbles only, without them complying the lockdown rules will last longer than we all hope.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Paddock', written in a cursive style.

Mr Steven Paddock  
Headteacher