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**22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021**

**Re: Staff Lateral Flow Testing**

Dear all Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you that from week commencing January 25<sup>th</sup>, we will be offering all Trust staff access to lateral flow testing in line with the recent Government announcement.

Staff opting to take part in the scheme will be asked to carry out lateral flow testing from home twice each week and record their results each time.

We see this as a positive step for all of our schools in giving greater protection from the spread of Covid-19. Carrying out regular testing will help to quickly identify any asymptomatic staff members and prevent them from unknowingly passing on the virus in school.

There will be no change to the current operation of schools and their onsite provision for vulnerable and critical worker children will continue as now. In the event of a confirmed positive test result of a staff member, we will continue with the current bubble closure procedures, following advice from Public Health England.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Cheema'.

**Amarjit Cheema OBE (Chief Executive Officer)**