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8<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent,

Thank you all for making the start of the school day so smooth today! It was wonderful to see families as excited as we are, about returning to school.

There has been lots in the news recently about testing and I thought it would be helpful to clarify about tests and primary schools. School staff have been testing twice a week, since January, and this has been going really well but primary aged pupils are NOT being tested. We know that around 1 in 3 people with COVID show no symptoms so these regular Lateral Flow Tests, which staff use, are another way of keeping each other safe and picking up any asymptomatic people with COVID.

As an extra measure, the Government has announced that adults who live in a household with children attending school can now also have this regular testing. This is optional and we know that many of our parents who are part of Health or Social Care will already be doing these tests, but we would encourage all parents to consider doing this regular testing as an extra way so our whole community can work together to keep each other safe.

Schools were sent an email about this from the Government last week, we were told we would soon be given a letter by them, to send to parents but have not yet had this. However, last week, the letter we sent to parents direct from Torbay Council did have some information about this and I thought it would be helpful to copy this part of the letter into this email for you:

*“Lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff will also start to be available over the coming weeks. The testing can come through different mechanisms.*

- *through your employer if they offer testing to employees*
- *at a local test site*
- *by collecting a home test kit from a test site*
- *by ordering a home test kit online*

*The Local Authority is currently establishing a collection system for home testing. We anticipate that this will be available from the week commencing 21 March 2021.*

*In the interim, you can order home test kits through the national system*



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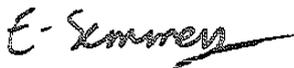
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*It is important that if you have Covid-19 symptoms you and your family members continue to isolate and book a Covid-19 test straight away. [Information on testing if you have symptoms](#). Lateral Flow Testing devices should **not** be used if you have symptoms.”*

These tests are not linked to school but are for households to organise themselves, (currently using the online ordering link) but I thought it would be helpful to flag up this service and the links to get started, for those who wish to get involved.

Thank you for your continued support for all that we are doing to keep the school family and wider community as safe as we can.

Kind regards



Mrs Semmens

Head of Academy