

6th April 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you have enjoyed a relaxing bank holiday weekend, eating lots of chocolates!! It has been lovely to have sunshine and be able to meet a few family members and friends in the garden. Hopefully, the warmer days will return so we can continue doing this. With the easing of some restrictions, I would like to ask our Pinfold community to continue working together to help keep us all safe. Also, to help keep the children in school.

It would be hugely beneficial if all families would be willing to take up the opportunity of free testing and test all members of the family. Please take these tests over the weekend before returning to school on Monday 19th April.

This will really help to minimise the chances of having to ask year groups to isolate.

COVID TESTING – when you feel well and want to check for covid

NO SYMPTOMS OF COVID (asymptomatic) AND YOU FEEL WELL

<u>Lateral Flow Device Tests</u>, can be <u>used to check you do not have coronavirus</u> when you are feeling well and have NO COVID SYMPTOMS at all.

Lateral Flow Device Tests for people who live in Darlaston, can be collected from Darlaston Town Hall. They are open Monday to Friday, 7am until 4pm. You do not need an appointment, you can walk in at any time to collect the Lateral Flow Device Test.

They have two types of tests – One that can be done in the Town Hall and one that can be taken home to complete.

IF you have completed your test at home and it is positive, you will need to book a test at a COVID testing centre to confirm the result.

COVID SYMPTOMS (temperature, cough, loss or change to taste or smell)

If you have any COVID symptoms, no matter how mild, you MUST book at COVID test online or by calling 119.

You CANNOT use a Lateral Flow Test when you have symptoms/feel unwell.

We have had to send Y2 and Y4 home this week due to a person in their year group testing positive for coronavirus. Please be assured that these cases are not connected. We are very pleased with our risk assessment and all of the processes we have in school. From each single positive case, we have not had further positive tests within the same year group.

Mrs Toni Beech Headteacher