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## Regular Testing of School Staff for COVID-19

Dear Parents and Carers

As you may have seen in the media, school staff are being asked to undertake a COVID-19 test at home twice weekly. This is a voluntary scheme that we are opting into from Monday 8th February 2021.

If a member of staff receives a positive or void result using the home testing kits, they are required to book a PCR COVID-19 test at one of the local testing centres to give a definitive positive or negative reading. We are informing you of this, as it may mean that we have more bubble closures in school as all staff are being tested regularly and simultaneously.

The possible scenarios are:

1. Home test is *negative* - the bubble remains open.
2. Home test is *void* - the test is retaken before the staff member can attend school.
3. Home test is *positive* - the bubble is closed immediately whilst the member of staff has a PCR test.

If the results of the PCR test are positive, then normal bubble closure procedures and the 10-day self-isolation of children will apply. If the PCR results are negative however, the bubble can re-open the day after the negative result is received.

We hope any disruption will be minimal, however, we need to prepare you for the fact that bubbles may be closed for one or two days and then re-open, which is a scenario we have not seen before in school. Staff are undertaking the home tests in the evening, typically each Sunday night and Wednesday night. This should enable us to notify you the evening before a bubble closure is required.

Please do ensure we have your latest contact details at all times, particularly mobile telephone numbers, as this is by far the quickest way for us to contact you regarding sudden changes.

If you have any questions, please email us at [enquiry@allenscn.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@allenscn.bham.sch.uk) or call (0121) 675 3062.

Yours Faithfully

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