

Lateral Flow Tests in Nursery

From Sunday the 4th of April all our nursery staff will be supplied with lateral flow device (LFD) test kits to self-swab twice a week, with test results provided in 30 minutes. Testing will help to identify positive cases, particularly those who may have the virus and do not have symptoms.

This is important as up to one in three people who have the virus have it asymptotically and show no symptoms. This means people could be spreading the disease unknowingly. Staff who test positive will then self-isolate, helping to reduce transmission of the virus.

It is important that parents and carers know how the early years testing will work and it is important to understand the implications.

Tests will be done on a Sunday night and a Wednesday night and if a member of staff does test positive they will have to self-isolate along with their bubble until a negative confirmatory PCR test is done.

- If the PCR test is negative, then the staff member can return to work and their bubble can be re-opened.
- If the PCR test confirms a positive test then the member of staff and their bubble must follow government guidelines and continue to self-isolate.

Any children who had been in close contact with the staff member would receive a letter/ email telling them what to do next.

Important

In the case of a positive test please be aware that your child's bubble might need to close.

The easiest place to let you know of any closures is via **Tapestry**.
Please let us know if you have had trouble logging on to your account.

If we do have to close any of our three bubbles we will let you know by the Sunday or Wednesday night (If possible) so that you can find alternative childcare or make other plans.

We do hope that this will not happen often, or even at all, but we must be prepared, just in case.