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Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child is invited to participate in quality assurance of asymptomatic lateral flow device (LFD) testing.

Up to 30-50% of people who have Covid-19 virus may have no or very mild symptoms, but they could still spread the disease to others. Regular twice weekly testing and reporting, along with other preventive measures, helps limit the transmission of Covid-19. This helps keep our schools open and our community safe.

Quality Assurance is an important part of the testing programme. It helps the NHS Test & Trace ensure that test kits are effective and that tests are being conducted correctly. One of the ways the quality assurance is undertaken is by doing a 'dual test'. This means that, along with one LFD test, participants are asked to do one PCR test. Comparison of the results helps NHS Test & Trace to ensure the quality of LFD testing.

Our school has been invited to participate in this dual testing exercise and I am writing to you to let you know what this involves.

What does Dual Testing involve?

Students who are doing twice weekly rapid tests at home will also be provided **one PCR kit by the school. These PCR tests will be given to students alongside their next pack of Lateral Flow Tests.**

Students will be asked to take one additional PRC test swab when they do their next rapid (LFD) test, and then complete a quick and simple online form.

Further details are included in the Participant Information Sheet which can be found here [TC2355 Schools OE Participant Information Sheet v7.indd \(st-wilfrids.org\)](#)

Participation is voluntary but we encourage you to participate where possible.

Kind Regards,

Mr P Given & Mrs R Maxwell

Assistant Headteachers