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Dear Parent

We have had communication with Public Health England to begin weekly and serial Lateral Flow Tests (LFT) for Blessed Trinity pupils and staff who are attending school. Of course, taking this opportunity is entirely voluntary but is seen as an important part of reducing possible infections.

### **Weekly testing**

All pupils attending school as a critical worker or vulnerable pupil will have the opportunity to be tested twice weekly. This is a Lateral Flow Test which gives result in approx. 20-30 minutes. If a test is positive pupils will be required to be collected ASAP. They will need to complete a second PCR test which will be sent home with the pupil. The pupil and family must follow isolation procedures. Further information and instructions will be sent home with any positive case.

### **Serial testing**

Serial testing is the daily testing of pupils and staff who have been identified as a close contact of a positive case. In this instance pupils and staff identified will take a test each morning before entering the classroom, this enables them to continue with their place in school upon a negative result. Should a positive result be found they would be required to follow the same procedure as above of completing a PCR test and self-isolation.

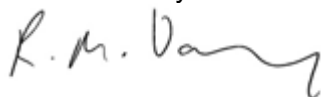
Pupils and staff who are self-isolating or absent for other reasons will not be offered tests and should remain at home.

Please follow the link below to consent for both the Weekly and Serial testing. This form will need completing for each child if you have more than one attending school. **All pupils currently attending school must complete the consent form. If you are not consenting to testing, please still complete the form and click NO.**

Please click here → [\*\*QUESTIONNAIRE\*\*](#)

**Please note that no child will be tested without your consent.** However, if you **do not consent** to testing, please be aware that if your child is identified as a close contact of a positive result, they will have to **self-isolate for 10 days** and will **not** be able to attend school during this period.

Yours sincerely



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