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Rapid Testing of Staff for COVID-19

Dear Parents,

You may be aware from reports in the media that staff in primary schools will become eligible for access to tests for COVID-19 from Monday. This means that staff at HTL will be testing themselves for COVID 2-3 times per week from that date. The reason for this is to identify staff who are infected with COVID but are not showing symptoms and so unwittingly spreading the virus.

This is a welcome development in Government policy which will strengthen our existing COVID secure measures, preventing the spread of infection within our school and across the wider community. At the same time, it is likely that as a result of testing, additional cases of COVID-19 will be detected in the school and that will lead to bubble closures. This will affect the children who are currently attending school.

In line with Government advice staff will be testing themselves in the morning, before coming to school. Most staff will be testing themselves on a Monday and a Thursday but tests will also happen on other days for various reasons such as working patterns. We will work to notify you as early as possible in the morning if it will be necessary to close a bubble and for your child to self-isolate. Remote learning on Google Classroom will continue regardless.

As always, I hope that you and all those you love remain safe and well in these difficult times. I am hopeful that testing staff will be a positive first step towards being able to re-open the school to all of our wonderful children.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Twyman'.

Mr. A Twyman
Head Teacher

