







 !"#$"%"#&

''$()

\*+,---./"/"

/"

,!0

1

!"



2

3 #

""\*





4 5





16

7

26th January 2021

Dear Parents

The Department for Education has recently announced that it will start a programme of asymptomatic Covid-19 testing in primary schools, school-based nurseries and maintained nursery schools.

Along with the other protective measures we are taking, this testing will allow us to take further measures to help pupils and staff members to work in as safe an environment as possible - in turn, improving safety for our school families. Up to one in three people who have Covid-19 have the virus without symptoms, so could be transmitting the virus unknowingly. Tackling the pandemic requires identifying asymptomatic, infectious individuals. By testing, we will help toreduce the spread in schools.

This week we are rolling out Lateral Flow Device (LFD) testing amongst staff at Rivington. If a member of staff tests positive using a LFD test, they will be asked to follow this up with a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) or lab-processed test. In this instance, the bubble concerned will be closed and the children and staff asked to self-isolate until the PCR test result has been received. In the event of a negative result, the bubble will then be re-opened.

In the short term this could result in an increase in bubble closures in school. We appreciate that this is less than ideal for key worker parents; but we hope you understand that this process is crucial in our fight against the virus.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Annette

Headteacher