

Eastlea update 20/4/21

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we all expected when everyone got back together in school after so long apart, over the last few days we have had some instances of children developing some coughs of various types, colds, sore throats, sickness etc. **I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you that however unlikely you think it is, if your child develops a new cough, a high temperature or loss of/change in sense of smell or taste then a Covid-19 PCR test should be sought as a precaution.** A lateral flow test should only be taken as part of a regular checking process for those who are asymptomatic (do not have symptoms). If you or your child does develop a cough then a PCR test is what is required. This can be booked quickly and efficiently at a local testing centre and the results are returned very swiftly indeed. **The entire household should self-isolate pending the outcome of the test and school should be informed immediately.**

As we have done throughout this pandemic, if your child develops a cough, a high temperature or a loss of taste/smell while they are at school, you will be contacted to collect them from school and asked to seek a PCR test.

The words on a radio advert on my way home last night emphasised this most strongly... **“Don’t wait. Don’t guess. Get a test today”**. This will help to protect everyone in the Eastlea community.



Thank you for your continued support and if you are in any doubt about this process then please do not hesitate to contact me in school.

Miss E Beeston, Head Teacher