

# St. Margaret's C.E. Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Request from School Governors – Escalating COVID-19 Cases**

During our Governors' meeting last Thursday, we discussed the ongoing situation with COVID-19 and all shared the very real concern that rapidly escalating cases are now having an impact on school and the children.

**Therefore, school Governors are asking all our families to undertake twice-weekly Lateral Flow Testing for the time being, at least until the cases in school have reduced.**

The governing body are all keen to keep as many children in school as possible. Evidence shows that the most effective way of containing the spread is pro-active testing of everyone with symptoms **and** pro-active asymptomatic testing. We unanimously agreed the idea, proposed by one of our parent governors, and we believe that by working together we can make a difference.

Tests are available to collect in pharmacies or you can order online via the Government website (search 'order coronavirus (COVID-19) rapid lateral flow tests'). School have also secured a limited supply from a local pharmacy company (please ask the school office).

Throughout the pandemic, we have been pleased with how the staff have worked hard to support the children and families. They have also carefully followed the guidance of Local Outbreak Control, who have up to date information and the required expertise to manage the virus.

We know that you have supported the recent introduction of careful measures in school and many of you have been undertaking pro-active testing, including when cases have arisen in your child's class. We want to thank you for this and for your support for Mr Hugill and the team.

Yours sincerely,

*C Freeman*

Dr C Freeman  
Chair of Governors (On behalf of the governing body)