



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As I mentioned in last week's school update, from this week our school will begin to take part in the Government's 'Test to Protect' scheme or 'Mass Testing'. This means that, similar to health care professionals, staff in school will regularly test for Covid-19 virus using the LFD testing kits.

The aim of the scheme is to identify and isolate people in the community who are a-systematic. That is the 1 in 3 people who have Covid-19 who are contagious but do not show symptoms.

All testing will take place off site and any positive tests will result in a staff member self isolating. Please be aware that this may result in other staff and children groups having to isolate at short notice.

At school we will continue to follow our safety rules which keep our school environment as safe as possible for all children and adults. Thank you for all for your support during lockdown and following the Government's advice so well.

If you have any queries or we can help in anyway please do not hesitate to contact the school office by email (office@st-marys.poole.sch.uk) in the first instance.

Yours faithfully,

Helen Armstrong
Headteacher