

8<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear parents/carers,

**Re: LFD test - single positive case**

Following a very well executed operation to complete mass lateral flow (LFD) testing today, we have had a positive result returned on one of the tests.

Given that the whole purpose of these asymptomatic tests, is to identify where the virus may exist without our knowledge, this does not really come as a surprise. At this stage, we await the result of a PCR test to confirm the outcome of the LFD test but are following the advice we have been given by Public Health England.

The small number of children and staff who have been in close contact with the individual who has returned a positive LFD test result have already been contacted. The school will be open as usual for all other students. **Therefore, if you have not been contacted then your child should be in school** and continue to follow normal attendance procedures from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021. I would politely remind you that attendance in school is now mandatory, unless your child is Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (or 'CEV' - you will have received a letter about this through the NHS), unwell or self-isolating.

We know that you may find this news concerning, but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. We have fully risk assessed around reopening the school and have put in place a set of robust daily routines, systems of control and health and safety measures to ensure that JOG provides as safe an environment as possible in line and adheres to government guidance as required.

Whenever there are suspected cases of COVID-19, Public Health England encourage schools to publish advice and information about it and I have set this out below.

Over the coming few weeks, we will be rolling out the second and third phases of the in-school LFD tests, before we move to Home Testing in line with DfE guidance. We will be in touch with you again in the near future with information regarding both of these. If anything changes in school, we will of course contact you again as well.

In the meantime, thank you for your support with the mass tests carried out today and I hope you and your family stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely,



**Richard Hawthorne**  
Head of School