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Dear Parents

Another extremely busy week at school but a very rewarding one. I would just like to say again, how much we appreciate the support you are giving to your children to maintain learning at home. It really is making the difference.

As from next week, Rosemellin school staff will be taking part in the Government's national testing initiative. This is optional but staff will be strongly encouraged to take part. Staff will be taking a home self-swab, Lateral Flow test to carry out twice a week. This test is for people who show no symptoms of the virus but who may be transmitting it without knowing. Results are known within 30 minutes and, should staff test positive, they will self-isolate and book a PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) test to confirm the result.

As I am sure you understand, this may result in decisions needing to be taken around the operation of the school but we will manage this safely and minimise any disruption to the school, as best we can. We will contact the staff and children within the affected bubble and they will need to self-isolate until the staff member receives their result from the PCR test. If the PCR is positive everyone will need to continue to self-isolate and the bubble will remain closed: if it comes back negative, the bubble will re-open. Families will be messaged via Class Dojo/text if they are required to self-isolate.

Tests are to be delivered on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January and staff will be testing that evening. For the weeks that follow they will test on Monday and Thursday mornings. We know you will appreciate this is new for all of us and will support us in continuing to play our part in suppressing the virus.

I hope you manage to relax this weekend. Make the most of your time together and...if the rain stops, wrap up and get outside: it's amazing the difference fresh air makes.

Yours sincerely  
*N. Finn*

Nicola Finn  
Headteacher

