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Thank you for your request for information relating to LFD Testing.

You have requested the following information:

A copy of the guidance to schools on not to partake in the government initiative of undertaking daily contact testing of pupils in schools and the requirement to send home whole bubbles rather than close contacts.

I would further request an explanation as to why this advice has been given due to it conflicting with the current advice from the DFE.

The Coventry Schools Education Partnership, with the Local Authority and Public Health agreed a local position due to concern at high levels of infection rates across Coventry.

Firstly, this was that we wouldn't introduce serial testing in secondary schools, and instead direct contacts of a positive case would continue to self-isolate for 10 days. The government advice on this has now changed and we are in line with that. Secondly, as an extra precaution we are recommending removal of the whole bubble for self-isolation where there has been a positive case. On occasions, and in discussion with schools and Public Health, we may still not isolate the whole bubble but this will depend on the circumstances. The DfE was made aware of our position.

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Yours sincerely

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