Activity	Lateral Flow Devices (LFD) self-testing for staff			
School	Canford School			
Department	Bursary			
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Task or hazard	Who might be harmed and how?	Existing control measures	What other controls are needed?	By when?	Person responsible
Staff self-testing accidently hurting themselves or becoming distracted whilst self-testing	Staff and their family in the vicinity who may void the test-results by contamination of the kit or cause distraction or injury whilst administering it.	Staff should only carry out the test once they feel confident to do so, have watched the 'how to' video and fully read and understood the test-kit instructions. Follow the step by step instructions. Keep the test-kit items out of the reach of young children and pets. Where possible carry out the test in a quiet area with limited distractions or interruptions. Do not walk around with the swab in your mouth or nostril.			
Confusion on kit instructions leading to void or inaccurate results	Colleagues, their families and pupils contracting COVID-19	Ongoing communication and explanation of kit instructions, frequency of testing, notification of results. Monitor staff who may consistently submit void results to ensure they are testing correctly. These staff should apply for PCR test following two consecutive void results. Staff self-isolating should not attend school based on a negative LFD test result.	Staff to watch video, understand the instructions Ensure staff are aware of when to self-isolate	Already in Place – letter sent to all staff	HR

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Staff may prefer to opt out of the self-test and may unknowingly transmit the virus	Colleagues, their families and pupils contracting COVID-19 by poor uptake of testing	Maintain Hands, Face, Space. Remain vigilant of COVID-19 symptoms. Get tested (PCR) if symptomatic. Respect informed choices made by staff who may disagree with the technology generated from animal cells.	Encourage colleagues to self-test. Reinforce need to observe Hands Face Space and Ventilation measures	Ongoing	All staff
Staff becoming complacent if a LFD negative test result is shown	Colleagues, their families and pupils contracting COVID-19 by not following preventative measures	LFD tests provide an additional layer of health protection in addition to maintenance of Hands, Face, Space control measures at all times. Ongoing monitoring of control measures within school premises.	LFD testing for staff only and not to be used for family members. Family members can obtain LFT tests from NHS Test Centres		
Poor oversight and governance from school and poor communication with staff and stakeholders	Poor uptake of LFD testing leading to potential contraction of COVID-19 by colleagues, families and pupils	Communication to all staff regarding importance of testing. Appoint COVID Co-ordinator and Registration Assistant. Communicate to staff who this is. Appropriate test stock management and reordering Set up and maintain 'test kit log' Staff not wishing to test must not feel vilified. Transparent information sharing of instructional videos, privacy notices and reporting platforms. Respond to concerns or queries in open manner.	Ascertain how quickly replacement kits can be received.		
Poor information management, retention and communication	Contravening privacy and poor information management	Correct kits and instructions (v1.3.2) to be issued to replace instructions in box. Twice weekly testing (3-4 days apart).		Ongoing	All Staff

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	leading to confusion and misrepresentation of data. Staff not communicating results with school or NHS	Set up and maintain a 'test results register/log' Store and report required data in line with privacy. Test kit log and Test results log must be separate documents with limited access. Set up procedure to obtain positive and void staff results, remind them to take the test. Use existing school procedures to identify close contacts of positive cases that need to self-isolate.	Staff to feedback any concerns about self-testing for consideration in incorporation into the risk assessment.		
Allocation and receipt of tests	Staff may contract COVID-19 from close contacts on receipt of tests, poor storage may lead to inaccurate results.	Appropriate face coverings and distancing on allocation of test kits. Secure environment of suitable storage temperature (2-30°C)	Kits have been prepared in hygienic conditions. Staff to observe hygiene measures (hand sanitising) when handling kits.	Ongoing	All Staff
Non-reporting of LFD or PCR results	Miscommunication of results leading to potential contraction of COVID-19 by colleagues, families and pupils	Colleagues to ensure that they are familiar with how to test and correct reporting procedure. Ensure self-isolation following positive LFD test result until PCR test is taken.			All Staff
Closure of school due to non-availability of staff due to positive LFD & PCR result or self-isolation	Staff may feel pressured to return to work whilst unwell resulting in colleagues, families, pupils catching COVID-19 or staff delaying full recovery	Colleagues to notify school as soon as possible of result so that school may try to source alternative staff. School to monitor pupil and staff ratios.			All Staff/ HR