

# School Improvement Service

Daily Covid briefing  
Thursday 21 January 2021

Good evening everyone

## **GUIDANCE FOR STAFF TESTING IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS, SCHOOL-BASED NURSERIES AND MAINTAINED NURSERY**

### **SCHOOLS**

Primary schools (including school-based nurseries) should expect to receive a delivery of home testing kits either this week or in the first half of next week. If you have not received your delivery by Wednesday 27 January, please contact the DfE coronavirus (COVID-19) helpdesk on 0800 046 8687. Please also call the helpline, not the delivery companies, if you have any other enquiries about your delivery. We are planning to begin deliveries to maintained nursery schools from week commencing 1 February.

Guidance has now been published for [testing primary, school-based nursery and maintained nursery school staff](#) to support you with this. Home testing of staff in primary schools (including school-based nurseries) can begin from week commencing Monday 25 January once schools have received and distributed kits to staff.

### **MODEL REMOTE LEARNING POLICY IS AVAILABLE TO ALL SCHOOLS**

Please click on the link to view our NYCC model school policy for remote learning which your school has the option to adopt. <https://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/covid-19-school-improvement> Please remember that information about your school's remote learning offer **needs to be displayed on your website by 25 January**.

### **REMOTE EDUCATION FRAMEWORK FOR SCHOOLS AND FURTHER EDUCATION PROVIDERS**

The DfE have produced a framework for internally monitoring remote support. Please find the link here [Remote Monitoring Framework](#)

North Yorkshire School Improvement have produced monitoring tools for both leaders and governors which will be circulated to your schools via your SEA should you wish to use them too.

## LATERAL FLOW TESTING RISK ASSESSMENT

An email has been sent to all secondary/ special school leaders today with a risk assessment for lateral flow testing.

## REMINDER TO COMPLETE YOUR DAILY STATUS FORM

Please ensure that the DfE daily status form is completed. Please provide your data by 2pm each working day.

## IN THE NEWS

BBC 'Schools to get 2 weeks' notice of opening' [read here](#)



**Please see a reminder of a FREE event for Governors. Please pass this information on:**

**Succession planning: preparing your board for the future**

**3 February 2021 6.00pm – 8.00pm**

In order to support governing boards in developing and planning future leadership, the NGA will be hosting a webinar for North Yorkshire governors on 3 February 2021 starting at 6:00pm.

This interactive session will be based on NGA's guidance to support succession planning, and will cover topics such as establishing a culture of succession, using a succession cycle, developing governors and ensuring leadership of the board. The workshop will explore what good chairing looks like, the barriers to succession and ways to overcome the common barriers. Every delegate will receive a hard copy of NGA's publication 'Preparing your board for the future'

The aims of the session are to:

- understand the importance and principles of succession planning
- define an effective culture for succession
- reflect on barriers to succession and develop a succession strategy.

Whilst the primary target audience is chairs, the session is suitable for any governors, trustees, local governors and clerks because succession planning is a board responsibility.

There is no charge for attendance at this event, but places must be booked in the usual way via your school office using the course code SI-0221-T042.