COVID-19 Educational Settings Risk Assessment – Asymptomatic Lateral Flow Testing (Providing and using kits at home within primary and nursery settings)

This risk assessment is a supplement to the main COVID-19 risk assessment for your setting. The relevant control measures identified through the main risk assessment will also apply. The risk assessment considers a single hazard of COVID-19 and identifies the broad areas of infection control measures that must be considered to reduce the risk of transmission, with the aim of reducing the risk as low as is possible in line with community risk levels. The areas identified below are designed to control the main areas of risk:

- Direct person to person transmission
- Surface transmission including through the use of equipment
- Lack of awareness of the control measures and requirements (the need for information, instruction and training)

Setting being assessed: Kirkley Nursery and Early Years Centre of Excellence	Assessment Date: 15.11.21 Review Date: 29.11.21			
Assessor Name: Caroline Richardson				
Manager Name: Kate Bell				
Description of activity being assessed (provide a brief description of the activity, the tasks, people, equipment and site(s) involved):				

Asymptotic Lateral Flow Testing (Using test kits at home)

Items	Control measures	Yes/No	Notes & Further information (please describe any specific arrangements that you have put in place)	Date required and completed
Ordering Requirements	 Staff and students have been signposted to the relevant website to order their LFD tests. Staff and students are now responsible for ordering their own LFD tests for home delivery. 	Yes	https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests	15.11.21
Storage at home	Staff and students will be advised that LFD kits will be stored appropriately: At either room temperature or in a cool dry place (2°C to 30°C). Away from direct sunlight Tests are not stored in a fridge or freezer. 	Yes		15.11.21
Roles	A COVID-19 Coordinator and Registration assistant has been appointed to support with key tasks as detailed in the Primary Schools Document Sharing Platform - Google Drive "How to Guide - Rapid testing of primary and nursery workforce"	Yes	Academy Head sent email to all staff and students with guidance and links to resources. Academy Head, Nursery Manager and Office Manager monitor that LFT results are being recorded on Google Drive. Students will report on gov.uk and forward email to Office Manager.	15.11.21 15.11.21
Other areas of infection control	 The COVID-19 Risk Assessment has been reviewed and all appropriate steps from that assessment taken as they apply to this activity including: cleaning and disinfection, hand hygiene and social distancing. 	Yes	Last reviewed on 01.11.21 and is updated regularly.	15.11.21
	Risk Assessment for students from East Coast College has been received .			5.11.21

	The document: 'Public Health framework for managing COVID19 in Suffolk childcare & educational settings - Suffolk COVID-19 Schools' Plan effective from 15th November', will be followed.		
Information, instruction and training	 Staff have received appropriate instruction, information and training and understand how to carry out their roles safely including: The role, name and contact details of the Co-ordinator and Registration Assessment Hygiene requirements How to store kits appropriately and safely at home (at either room temperature or in a cool dry place (2°C to 30°C), away from direct sunlight, tests are not stored in a fridge or freezer, test kits are kept away from children and animals) That this testing is only appropriate if you are asymptomatic Arrangements for recording results and action to take following results How to safely dispose of the waste generated from the test kits Information has been provided to staff who will be carrying out tests at home: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/how-to-do-a-test-at-home-or-at-a-test-site/how-to-do-a-rapid-lateral-flow-test/ All staff are aware that lateral flow testing does not replace any of the infection control measures that reduce the risk of transmission 	Yes 15.11.21	