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Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday evening the Department of Education released some further guidance for anyone who is identified as a close contact of Covid 19.

A copy of this is included for you below:

*Daily testing for contacts of COVID-19*

*From Tuesday 14 December, a new national approach to daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 is being introduced (including until the end of this term). All adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 – whether Omicron or not – should take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating. Daily testing by close contacts will help to slow the spread of COVID-19.*

*Daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 will help protect education settings by reducing transmission and will also help keep pupils in face-to-face education.*

*Once notified by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact, all eligible staff, pupils and students should take an LFD each day for 7 days and report the results through the Online Reporting System and to their setting. If they test negative, they can continue to attend their education setting. Outside of the education setting, they should continue to follow the advice set out in the Sunday 12 December press release. This approach should also be adopted over the winter break and on return in January.*

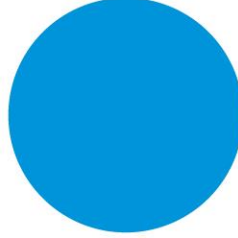
*If they test positive, they should self-isolate and order a PCR test to confirm the result. If the PCR is positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days. If the PCR test is negative, they no longer need to self-isolate but should continue to carry out the remainder of the daily tests, and only need to isolate if it is positive.*

*For primary aged children LFD test kits are available through the usual routes (community test sites, local pharmacies or online).*

*Children under five years old do not need to take part in daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 and do not need to isolate.*

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Therefore, if someone in your child's bubble tests positive for Covid 19 we will notify all parents to begin lateral flow testing. We will send you a link to an online school form where you can input this result, this in addition to the government form which can be found online. You will just need to add your child's name, date of test and the result. If this is positive we ask that you also call the school office.

If a child in your household tests positive, we ask that the form (<https://forms.office.com/r/kYnV6fcGtQ>) is also completed for any sibling who remains in school.

We may send this link quicker than NHS Test and Trace get in touch with you since we are only managing Covid cases within our school. Please can we ask you begin daily testing once we get in touch to help keep everyone in our community safe.

Many thanks for all your ongoing support when we are facing another time of worry and uncertainty.

Kindest regards,

*R Turner*

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Head teacher

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