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Dear Parent/Carer

Covid Update - New procedure for reporting a positive case

The government announced this morning that, from 11 January, those who do not have symptoms and have a positive lateral flow will still have to isolate, but will no longer take a PCR. I would therefore like to outline the new reporting procedure for our school.

If your child tests positive for Covid either by an LFD test or a PCR test you must inform school immediately. You must also report the positive result on the government website [here](#).

The last day of your child's isolation period is 10 days following the day symptoms started, or 10 days following the day of a positive result if no symptoms were present. Your child will be recorded as being ill (I mark) up to and including the date given.

Following changes to the guidance, if your child has two consecutive negative lateral flow tests, 24 hours apart, from day 6 of their isolation, they can return to school from day 7. This would mean the tests would need to be taken early morning on day 6 and day 7 to enable them to come to school on day 7.

Given the new flexibility around this return date, for safeguarding reasons, **you MUST inform the school by phoning or emailing admin@archibald.newcastle.sch.uk before your child returns so we are aware they are coming back to school before the end of the 10 day period.**

Continued regular LFD Testing

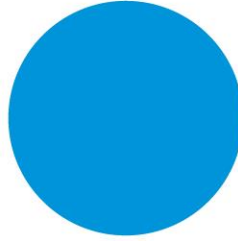
Staff and students are strongly encouraged to continue testing twice weekly at home and to report negative results to [NHS here](#). ***Even if your child has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days, they are strongly encouraged to take part in LFT testing once they have completed their isolation period for their prior infection.***

Daily testing for close contacts

People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or

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develop symptoms at any time. This is so that any subsequent positive cases can be quickly picked up and for self-isolation to begin as soon as possible.

Children aged 3-4 can also do this at your discretion. I would like to share that Archibald First School has staff in the Early Years Unit who are at risk of severe illness if infected with Covid therefore we ask that a child who lives with a household member who is positive are given daily LFD tests for 7 days for the child or that a PCR test for the child is obtained prior to them returning to school.

We currently have 14 positive cases across the school. The situation is constantly changing and we are doing our best to provide you with a simple way to give us the information we need and thank you in advance for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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