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Dear Parent or Carer,

IMPORTANT - COVID CLOSE CONTACT UPDATES

[New Updates - Close Contacts](#)

Daily testing for contacts of COVID-19

From Tuesday 14 December, a new national approach to daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 was introduced. 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. LFD's are free of charge from local pharmacies, collection points and can be [ordered online](#).

Daily testing by close contacts will help to slow the spread of COVID-19. Daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 will help protect our school community by reducing transmission and will also help keep pupils in face-to-face education.

If you are notified by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact, you 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 school.

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.

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. Anyone over the age of 18 years and 6 months who is not vaccinated, must isolate in line with government guidelines if they are a close contact of a positive case.

If you develop any of the following symptoms: a new continuous cough, a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell, you should self-isolate and arrange to have a PCR test for COVID-19 either online or by phone by calling 119, even if your symptoms are mild.

We strongly recommend parents and carers wear masks whilst on school grounds to help protect our school community and yourselves from the risk of COVID-19.

Yours sincerely

S Anwar-Bleem

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