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Dear parent/carer,

SUBJECT: Daily Testing for Contacts of COVID-19

On 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, who are identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 – whether Omicron or not – should now 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 and pupils should take an LFD each day for 7 days. If you test negative, you can continue to attend school. This approach should also be adopted over the winter break and on return in January.

You need to report each test result:

- To the NHS Test & Trace self-report website: [Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result](#).
- And to the school: [PUPILS Home Test Result Form](#) | [STAFF Home Test Result Form](#)

If you test positive, you should self-isolate and [order a PCR test](#) to confirm the result. If the PCR is positive, you must self-isolate for 10 days. If the PCR test is negative, you no longer need to self-isolate but should continue to carry out the remainder of the daily lateral flow device (LFD) tests, (repeating the isolate and PCR test if a subsequent LFD is positive).

All pupils received 2 boxes of test kits this week. If your child was absent, boxes of kits can be collected from the Admin Office before we close for the Christmas holiday. If for any reason you run out of test kits you can order more here >> [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests](#)

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.

To keep yourself and the community safe we urge all our staff and pupils to continue to test twice weekly at-home during the festive break.

REMINDER: All parents/carers must read '[Planned COVID testing in-school for January 2022](#)' to find out all the details and timings that your child will need for their allotted testing day.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Colin D Scott
Headteacher

