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Dear Parents and Carers,

As a result of COVID-19 cases within Class 2 your child now needs to do daily 7-day Lateral Flow Device Testing (LFD) as the current government guidance applies to all contacts of a positive case (any variant and asymptomatic) who are:

- Fully vaccinated adults – two doses of vaccine, plus 14 days since last dose
- All children aged five to 18 years and six months, regardless of their vaccination status
- People who can prove they are unable to get vaccinated for clinical reasons
- People taking part, or have taken part, in an approved clinical trial for the COVID-19 vaccine.

****Under-fives are exempt from self-isolation as a contact and do not need to take part in daily LFD tests, however it is at the parents' discretion and if the pupil can tolerate the test they can also daily test.**

Anyone identified as a contact who has a negative rapid lateral flow result is still strongly advised to limit close contact with other people outside their household, especially in crowded or enclosed spaces and with anyone who is more vulnerable.

If an LFD test is positive, they should self-isolate for up to 10 days. The isolation period includes the day symptoms started (or the day a test was taken if they do not have symptoms), and the next 10 full days.**

Please note, the government guidance has been temporarily updated from Tuesday, 11 January 2022 – if an individual tests positive on an LFD and has no symptoms they no longer need to get a follow-up PCR test, but they should report the result at www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result, self-isolate immediately, and NHS Test and Trace will be in touch. Please see GOV.UK for exemptions to this advice.

However, if they develop symptoms whilst taking part in the 7-day LFD testing, they should still immediately self-isolate** and book a PCR test as soon as possible.

The three main symptoms of COVID-19 are high temperature, continuous cough and loss of sense of smell or taste.

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***Individuals who receive negative LFD results on day 5 and day 6 of their self-isolation period – with tests taken 24 hours apart – no longer need to self-isolate for the full 10 days. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period.*

Please note, if someone is isolating ahead of the guidance change and will be on day 5 on or after Monday, 17 January 2022, they will also be able to come out of isolation early on day 6 if they have two negative LFD tests 24 hours apart.

You can order or book a free PCR test by visiting www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or calling 119. If you have any difficulty or issue in obtaining a test, please inform the school office.

To confirm, once your child has taken a PCR test:

- If the PCR test comes back as negative, they can attend school as usual but still need to be vigilant and continue regular LFD testing if no symptoms emerge. If any symptoms develop, they should isolate and seek another PCR test.
- If the PCR test is positive – they will need to self-isolate for 10 days**.

We are doing everything we can to keep everyone safe in school, so we ask you to do the same when you are out and about. It is strongly advised that you and your families take care if visiting vulnerable individuals or attending large events or gatherings.

We are grateful for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Baxter

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