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Dear Parents/Guardians,

From today, the government has issued a new national approach to daily testing for contacts of COVID-19. Adults who are fully vaccinated and all children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months who have been identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 (whether Omicron or not) are strongly advised to take a LFD test every day for 7 days.

Children are able to continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive LFD test result, when they should then arrange for a PCR test as soon as possible. As before, if your child develops symptoms at any time then you should also arrange for a PCR test for them and they should isolate until the result is known.

For the remainder of this term we will therefore inform any parents of positive COVID-19 cases in their child's class so they may arrange for daily LFD tests for the following 7 days. As a school we are unable to supply children with LFD testing kits. Please follow this link to order test kits <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> or this link to collect them from local pharmacies <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

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. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely

Mr G Golding
Executive Headteacher

For more information please read 'Schools COVID-19 operational guidance' - https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1040615/2021211_Schools_guidance.pdf

(Please note - children under 5 years are exempt from self-isolation and do not need to take part in daily testing of close contacts)

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