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Dear Parent/Carer

A happy new year to you all and I hope you all had a lovely festive break with your families.

Just an update on Covid guidance for schools. If your child tests positive on a lateral flow or develops Covid 19 symptoms they should immediately start self-isolation and arrange a Covid-19 PCR test. PCR tests can be arranged through the online portal or via 119. During self-isolation, individuals should follow 'stay at home guidance.' If an individual does not have a PCR within 2 days of a positive LFT, they must self-isolate for a minimum 7 days.

If their PCR is negative, they can end self-isolation when well and if they have not had a temperature for 48hours.

If their PCR result is positive they will continue to self-isolate for 7 full days (minimum) after the day of symptoms onset/test (if no symptoms) – which is day 0. Self-isolation can end on day 8 if your child has had 2 LFT tests taken 24 hours apart (on Day 6 and Day 7) and they are well and do not have a temperature. (We will need to see a negative result for these two days). If you cannot show this it will continue to be 10 days isolation. If symptoms start whilst isolating, isolation period starts again – day of symptom onset = day 0.

If we hear that your child has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive we will alert you. There is no requirement for self-isolation, but it is strongly recommended to take a LFT test daily for 7 days prior to coming into the school setting (and then continue with twice weekly LFT testing)

We will also be asking siblings of children who have tested positive to remain at home until a negative PCR result is received.

For most people, especially children, COVID-19 will be a mild illness.

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of:

- New continuous cough and/or
- High temperature and/or
- A loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

We hope this information is helpful in reducing the further spread of Covid 19 to others in our school community.

Kind Regards

Natasha Maude

Headteacher

