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Dear Parents/ Carers,

As there have been some changes to self-isolation guidance and LFD testing recently please see details within this letter of what to expect if the school is notified of a **possible** or **confirmed** case of Covid-19.

Where there is a possible case of coronavirus in the school

If a child or member of staff develops symptoms of Covid-19, the individual concerned will be sent home. They or their parents/carers will be asked to arrange a PCR test and to share the results with us.

Where there is a confirmed case of coronavirus in the school

If a child or member of staff tests positive for Covid-19, they will be asked not to attend the school for at least **7 full days** from the day after their symptoms appeared or, if asymptomatic, the date that the PCR test was taken. Positive cases can take **LFD tests on days 6 and day 7**, at least 24 hours apart, and if both tests are negative, they can leave self-isolation as soon as they have got the negative result from the second test **provided they do not have a raised temperature**. If cases decide not to carry out LFD testing or if they have a temperature on day 7, then they should continue with their self-isolation for the **full 10 days**. School will communicate that there has been a positive case within the class through a very brief email.

Contacts of positive cases

Contact tracing will be completed by NHS Test and Trace. To support this school will notify parents where their child sits next to, or on the same table, as a positive case within the classroom or lunchtime group.

Our approach to isolation has changed as legally, contacts who are **fully vaccinated* or under 18 years 6 months** are no longer required to self-isolate. They are however advised to take **daily LFD tests for 7 days** (unless they have had a positive PCR test in the past 90 days). If during this time the LFD test is positive, the individual must self-isolate and arrange a PCR test and anyone who tests positive following the PCR test will still be legally required to self-isolate, even if they have been vaccinated.

Children under five years who are contacts do not need to do daily LFD tests but may be requested to take a PCR test if they are a household contact.

Unvaccinated close contacts aged 18 and over should self-isolate for 10 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms and should continue this period of isolation even if they too have been tested and have received a negative test result.

**A fully vaccinated person must have had their second vaccine dose at least two weeks prior to coming into contact with the positive case.*

What you can do

If your child develops any of the following symptoms, we would ask that you **notify the school immediately** and arrange a test by visiting <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by phoning 119.

- A high temperature – this means feeling hot to touch on the chest or back
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- A loss or change to their sense of smell or taste

If the child has been PCR tested because they were showing symptoms and the test has come back negative, they can return to school once they are well. If they still feel unwell after a negative test they should stay at home until they feel better. If the child has been sick, has had a high temperature or diarrhoea, they must not return to the setting for at least 48 hours after symptoms last showed.

Thank you once again for all you are doing to keep our school community safe.

Yours sincerely,

Michelle Norbury
Headteacher