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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. We are writing to clarify the updated guidance regarding the management of Covid 19 in school.

Testing for Covid 19

If your child receives a positive lateral flow test, they should begin to isolate immediately and you should book a PCR to confirm the test outcome.

There is no need for primary aged children to regularly test using lateral flows unless they have been identified as a close contact.

Isolation after testing positive

If a child tests positive for Covid 19, they may now be able to end their isolation early using lateral flow tests. Your child should take a lateral flow test on the morning of Day 6 and the morning of Day 7. If both these tests are negative, and they no longer have a temperature, they may return to school on Day 7.

If the tests on either Day 6 or Day 7 are positive, they must continue to isolate until they have two consecutive negative tests, 24 hours apart OR after their ten days of isolation has elapsed.

Close contacts

If your child (aged 5 or above) is a contact of someone with Covid 19, you are **strongly advised** that they should take a lateral flow test each morning, for seven days, before attending school.

Contacts from school settings will only be traced by NHS test and trace where the positive case, or their parent, specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact (whole classes are not considered to be contacts).

Warn and Inform

Although the school is not part of the contact tracing process, we will inform parents when we have new cases in classes so that you may be extra vigilant if your child begins to demonstrate any symptoms. However, we will not be able to identify individual pupils or discuss their seating position in class, etc.

If you have any specific questions regarding your child and Covid 19, please don't hesitate to get in touch – we can seek specialist advice if needed.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Headteacher