



Dear Parents and Carers,

DAILY CONTACT TESTING

Last night the government advised us that students and staff who were identified by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of Covid-19 (any variant) would no longer be required to self-isolate and will still be able to attend school. In these circumstances students will participate in Daily Contact Testing which means that:

- children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 – whether Omicron or not – should take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating.
- if your child is notified by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact you should contact the school by ringing reception and selecting option 1. Following this your child should:
 - take an LFD test each day for 7 days
 - report the result to school (Test Register) and through the [NHS online reporting system](#)
- if the LFD test is negative then your child can attend school that day
- If the LFD test is positive, they should self-isolate and [order a PCR test](#) to confirm the result.
 - If the PCR test is positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days.
 - If the PCR test is negative, they no longer need to self-isolate but should continue to carry out the remainder of the daily tests, and only need to isolate if it is positive.

I have updated the [Covid Control Measures page of the school website](#) to reflect this change. Please do use this page as your first port of call for any information about the measures that are operating in school.

I do understand that this is an anxious time for everyone. Our priority is to do what we can to enable students to attend school. They have experienced so much disruption in the last two years that it is crucial that we all work together to do what we can to maximise every single students' attendance. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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