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Dear Parents/Carers,

Case of COVID-19

We have been advised that there has been a case of coronavirus in Reception. Under the new Government guidance (14 Dec 21) close contacts of a positive case no longer need to self-isolate if they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months or if they are fully vaccinated. Instead, they should take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days. Children under five years old do not need to take part in daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 and do not need to isolate.

Anyone over the age of 18 years and 6 months who is not vaccinated, must isolate in line with government guidelines if they are a close contact of a positive case.

What the school has done

We have done a risk assessment and protective measures remain in place, including practising good hygiene, ventilation, and regular Covid-19 testing.

We are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health. If cases increase substantially, the local Director of Public Health may advise us to put extra measures in place. If this happens, we will write to inform you of this.

This letter has been sent out to all families in the Reception class to let them know of the current situation.

What you need to do?

This letter is to provide advice on how to support your child. Providing your child remains well, they can continue to attend school as normal.

We have discussed the situation with our local Public Health team and because there has been a case in the class and they have advised that all children in Reception **should take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days, starting immediately**. Your child can continue to attend school as normal if they are well and if the test result is negative.

If any of your child's LFD test results are positive they should self-isolate straight away. They may be able to end their self-isolation period before the end of the 10 full days. They can take an LFD test from 6 days after the day symptoms started (or the day the test was taken if they did not have symptoms), and another LFD test on the following day. The second LFD test should be taken at least 24 hours later. If both these test results are negative, and they do not have a high temperature, they may end their self-isolation after the second negative test result. People ending isolation on day seven are strongly advised to limit contact with vulnerable people and not visit crowded or poorly ventilated spaces.





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Please be alert for the symptoms of coronavirus which are:

- A high temperature
- A new continuous cough
- A loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell

See www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms

Please be reassured that for most people, especially children, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

Parents should also continue with regular LFD (no symptom) testing twice weekly – 3 to 5 days apart.

This will help to keep staff and pupils safe and minimise the risk of further disruption to children's education.

Yours sincerely,
Lindsey Hodgson
Head of School

