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Dear Parent/Carer

As you are aware COVID-19 infection rates are high in our local community; the omicron variant is spreading rapidly and we have an increasing number of families affected. We are keen to minimise the risks of infection in school whilst continuing to provide a high quality education for our children and it is extremely important that we all take steps to reduce the spread of COVID-19 infection especially during the next few weeks.

1. Suspected Illness

If you suspect your child has symptoms, please complete a Lateral Flow Test before bringing them to school, if this result is negative they can come to school as normal. If your child has a **positive test** result or develops COVID 19 symptoms at any time they must **not** attend school.

2. Face Masks

Please wear a face covering when attending the school playground at the start and end of the day and leave the premises promptly.

3. Visitors into school

External visitors into school will be kept to a minimum with only external agencies providing direct support to children being permitted on a regular basis.

4. Staff testing and potential absence

All staff will complete lateral flow testing twice weekly. We are anticipating some staff absence due to COVID which may cause some disruption but we will try to minimise the effects of this as much as possible.

Thank you to all parents who have contacted school to update us on your circumstances. Please ensure we have all contact details up to date in the event of school having to reach you if your child becomes unwell. I appreciate that the advice is sometimes difficult to understand and I have tried to make it as clear as possible within the school context.





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What if my child is a close contact of someone infected with COVID-19?

Anyone living in the same household as someone with COVID-19 is at a significantly higher risk of becoming infected. If you or someone else in the home tests positive and your child displays no symptoms or has tested negative you should follow the steps below;

Reception to Year 6 children

Children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, **should take a LFD test every day for seven days** and may continue to **attend school as normal if the tests are negative**.

Nursery children

Children under 5 are not being advised to take part in daily testing if they are a close contact. If a child under 5 is a contact of a confirmed case, they are not required to self-isolate. If they are showing symptoms of COVID-19, we suggest you contact 119 for advice.

If you have any questions about the information in this letter please do not hesitate to contact school.

With Best Wishes

Mrs M Best
Headteacher

