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Advice to All Parents - Single case Reception

Dear Parents,

We have been made aware of a member of your child's year who have tested positive for COVID-19.

This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice. Please be reassured that for most children, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

Under Government's action Plan B there has been a number of changes to the response when there is a positive case in school. Daily testing for contacts has been introduced to reduce the spread of Omicron with limited impact on people's day to day lives, although avoidable social contact should be limited as much as possible, particularly around vulnerable people.

- Children under 18 years 6 months who are identified as **close contacts** of a positive case are not required to self-isolate.
- Children aged between 5 years and 18 years 6 months who are identified as **close contacts** are now strongly encouraged to undertake daily Lateral Flow Tests for 7 days, instead of obtaining a PCR test.
- Children under 5 years who are identified as **close contacts** do not need to take part in daily testing.
- Children who develop COVID-19 symptoms* should remain away from school, self-isolate immediately and obtain a PCR test, as before.
- Children who test positive with a Lateral Flow Test but do not have COVID-19 symptoms* should remain away from school, self-isolate immediately and do not need to obtain a PCR test.

* For the purposes of self-isolation and arranging a PCR test, COVID-19 symptoms remain:

- a high temperature
- 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 sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

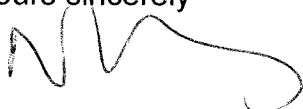
Picking up rapid lateral flow tests from a local pharmacy or collection point is the quickest way to get them for most people. For further details please access this website: <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

You can also obtain Lateral Flow Test kits via this website:
<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

The school and your child's class remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well unless their daily Lateral Flow Test is positive in which case they need to stay away from school and self-isolate immediately.

I have written this update to inform you of the changing situation with regards to managing COVID-19 within schools. Schools have been advised that it is not necessary to inform parents of every individual case of COVID-19 which is reported at school. Therefore I will only contact you again if there are any further confirmed positive cases within your child's class if 10 days have elapsed from the first case.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs Kelly
Headteacher