

Our Ref. MMc / DMB

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following on from my letter on Monday I would like to update you on information we have since received from Public Health England (PHE) and some messages that have come into school from families.

School has provided details of all positive cases to PHE. A school wide audit of the strategies in place has been taken and school has been commended for the ongoing actions it has taken to minimise the impact of Covid-19 on school and keep school as safe as possible.

PHE have asked that all pupils and staff take **daily** Lateral Flow Tests for the next 7 days. They fully appreciate that not all pupils can access the test.

PHE have asked that all pupils, if possible, opt to wear face coverings.

Thank you to those families who have contacted school to share that their child has been 'pinged' or contacted by NHS Test and Trace by telephone. Messages are quite long and often begin with the advice to isolate for 10 days, as you have been identified as a close contact.

The full message also states that you **do not** need to isolate **IF** you are exempt. Exemptions are listed below:

You are not legally required to self-isolate if you are notified you have had close contact with someone with COVID-19 and any of the following apply:

* you're fully vaccinated

* you're below the age of 18 years

* you've taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial

* you're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

If you are aged 5 years and over and have been identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19, but are not legally required to self-isolate, you are strongly advised to: **take an LFD test every day for 7 days**, or until 10 days since your last contact with the person who tested positive for COVID-19 if this is earlier **take this daily LFD test before you leave the household for the first time that day**

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works>

I have no doubt that advice will continue to change as the days and weeks go by. I will continue to update you as guidance changes.

Yours faithfully,

Mr McCann
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