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### **Updated COVID-19 Guidance**

As you will be aware, changes to self-isolation have been announced. I have outlined what these changes mean for your child's attendance at school.

Firstly, one piece of advice that has not changed is that if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 (a fever, new continuous cough, or loss of sense of taste or smell) they must not attend school and take a PCR test to confirm if they are positive or not. If negative, your child can attend school. If positive, your child will need to isolate.

If a member of your household tests positive for COVID-19, close contacts of positive cases (*household contacts who are under 18 years and four months, or who are older and fully vaccinated with two doses of a vaccine and a booster*) do not need to isolate as long as they return a negative Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Test result each day for seven consecutive days and remain fever free.

**This means that if a member of your household tests positive for COVID-19, your child CAN continue to attend school as long as they take an LFD test for seven consecutive days and the result is negative.**

I know for some children taking an LFD Test is uncomfortable. If they refuse or you cannot successfully test your child during these seven consecutive days, then they cannot attend school for the seven consecutive days.

If you successfully test your child and the result is negative, your child can attend school. If this is the case, we would appreciate if parents/carers can let us know that there is a positive case in the household so we can be vigilant with regards to symptoms that your child may develop in school.

If during the seven consecutive days your child returns a positive LFD result, your child must isolate and not attend school.

I appreciate that it is difficult to follow the constant change in guidance. However, if you are unsure or need advice, please contact the school.

Take care, stay safe.

Yours sincerely

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