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Dear Parents & Carers

Just a quick note to remind you of new arrangements with regard to close contacts of all variants of COVID. I am sure that you are aware of the concerns with regard to rising number so of COVID infections at the moment, with a particular worry being the new variant. Previously if you were in contact with a confirmed Omicron case you were being asked to self-isolate as a result. From today this has changed, but only for those people who are double vaccinated and/or are under 18 years and 6 months, in that case if you are a close contact of a confirmed COVID case you **do not** need to self-isolate, but **you do have to take a lateral flow test everyday**. We have had a slight delay in the expected delivery to school of more tests for home, but we are expecting a delivery later this week and we will send kits home for students to test over Christmas, unfortunately we do not have spare LFT kits, I am sorry.

Can I please ask that LFTs are taken in the morning before school. I know that this is more pressure on time in the morning, but a positive might show before school where it did not show the evening before. I know that this is a pain, we are all having to test on a daily basis at home, but the new kits are just nostril and take 15 minutes. However, please read the instructions as there are more than one type in circulation and they have a different process as a result.

Thank you again for all of your support.

Yours sincerely



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