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Dear Parents/Carers

## Covid-19 Update

We are continuing to ask students to test twice weekly prior to coming into school on a Monday and Thursday to reduce the spread of Coronavirus. This includes if they have tested positive within the last 90 days, as there is evidence that you can catch Omicron even if you have previously had Covid-19. The school will continue to supply home test kits to enable this.

## **Report results via ClassCharts**

You can now report the results to the school via ClassCharts. Under the dashboard, click on Covid Tests and then provide the date of the test and the result. Please also continue to report to the NHS.

If your child is asymptomatic (no symptoms) and receives a positive lateral flow test (LFT) result there is no requirement to obtain a confirmatory PCR test. However, they must isolate for at least 6 days, see below for self-isolation rules.

If your child is displaying Covid symptoms, including if they have had a recent negative LFT, please arrange a PCR test for them. They must isolate until the result is known.

## Isolation Period if Positive LFT or PCR:

Isolate for at least 6 days. If at day 5 and day 6 (at least 24 hours between each test) the student obtains negative LFT results and does not have a temperature, they can come out of isolation. For example, if the student tests negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to school immediately on day 6. Students should limit close contact in crowded or poorly ventilated spaces.

If the LFT results are still positive, students should continue to self-isolate and take daily tests until 2 negative results are received. If 2 negative results are not obtained during the 10-day period, students can come out of isolation after 10 full days from first day of symptoms or the positive result, even though some Covid symptoms may remain i.e. cough, loss of taste and/or smell.

## **Close Contacts**

Students will not need to isolate if they are told they are a close contact of someone who has tested positive, but they are strongly advised to take daily LFTs for 7 days.

Yours sincerely

Mr Lamb Headteacher