



Arnside National Primary School

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Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to inform you that we have a staff member from Arnie's After School Club who has tested positive for COVID-19. We have identified that your child potentially had close contact with the individual during their infectious period. Schools are no longer required to advise children who are close contacts of positive cases within the educational setting to isolate, so your child should still attend school. Enhanced Local Authority guidance advises:

Adults who are fully vaccinated¹ and children aged 5 years and above who are a close contact of someone with COVID-19 (whether the Omicron variant or not) are advised to conduct daily lateral flow (LFD) tests before they leave the household for the first time each day.

For household contacts, the LFD tests should be taken every day for 7 consecutive days, or until the household member who has COVID-19 reaches the end of their self-isolation period if this is earlier.

For non-household contacts, the LFD tests should be taken every day for 7 consecutive days, or until 10 days after their last contact with the person who tested positive if this is earlier.

If they test negative on their LFD tests, they can continue to attend their education setting, and do not need to self-isolate.

Anyone who receives a positive LFD test result should immediately self-isolate. Anyone who develops COVID-19 symptoms should take a PCR test and immediately self-isolate.

Daily LFD testing is not mandatory; only strongly advised. If people are eligible for daily LFD testing but cannot access test kits or do not want to do it, they will not be required to self-isolate instead.

We know this can be an anxious time for parents / carers, so please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Mr Sharp

