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Thursday, 16 December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As promised, one final letter regarding the opening arrangements for next term.

School will open to students on Wednesday 5th January at the normal time with no staggered returns. In the morning we will be undertaking LFD testing of all students for whom consent has been given.

In line with this preventative approach, can we ask that you ensure your child undertakes a Lateral Flow Test the evening before our return or on the morning of our return to school. If the result is negative it should be logged with the NHS and if positive a PCR test should be booked and the school made aware of this result. If your child has symptoms and the Lateral Flow Test is negative, please still ensure you book a PCR and inform the school accordingly.

During the Christmas break please can we remind all families that students should continue to test twice-weekly in the interests of all. As such students will be issued with Lateral Flow test packs before they leave for the Christmas break.

In the event that your child is identified as a close contact of a person with COVID-19, no matter which variant please refer to the latest guidelines below:

Daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 from Tuesday 14 December; a new national approach to daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 is being introduced (including until the end of this term). All adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19 – whether Omicron or not – should take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating. This will help protect education settings and the wider community by reducing transmission.

In terms of the school setting, once notified by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact, all eligible staff, pupils and students should take an LFD test each day for



7 days and report the results through the Online Reporting System and to their school. If the test is negative, you can continue to attend school.

For further advice please visit the **press release of Sunday 12th December**.
In closing may we thank you once again for all your support in relation to the above matters and wish you all a restful and enjoyable Christmas break.

Best wishes,
The Staff at Oswaldtwistle School.