



5<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that we have been notified of another confirmed case of COVID-19 within Larch class.

As with positive cases in other settings, and in line with national guidance, NHS Test and Trace will work with the individuals who have tested positive to identify close contacts. This is no longer the responsibility of the school. However, please note that Track and Trace do not contact families where children have been close contacts within school. We would usually telephone all children within a class who we consider to be close contacts but because there have now been a number of positive pupil cases within Larch class, and due to the nature of the classroom set-up, **we are identifying the whole class as close contacts** in this instance. **We strongly recommend booking a PCR test for your child.** It is paramount that you book a PCR if your child shows any symptoms or feels under the weather in any way.

If a pupil is part of a household with a positive Covid case, it is necessary for us to ensure our pupils and staff members are not put at unnecessary risk and so we require all parents to alert us in these circumstances. I am sure we can all agree that it is important for us to know this information in order that we can ensure necessary steps are taken in school to protect our vulnerable and unvaccinated staff and pupils.

If your child is advised to take a test, we would strongly encourage that they do so as this will help prevent further transmission. A PCR test can be booked by visiting [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) or by phoning 119.

Should your child develop symptoms (high temperature, a new continuous cough or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste), please follow the [stay at home guidance](#) and let us know as soon as possible.

Thank you once again for all you are doing to keep our school safe.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs B Harrison  
Headteacher