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Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents,

**Re: LFD testing for close contacts**

From today, a new national approach to daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 is being introduced (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 contact of someone with COVID-19 – whether Omicron or not – should take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days.

The hope is that daily testing by close contacts will help to slow the spread of COVID-19 and will help protect education settings by reducing transmission and will also help keep pupils in face-to-face education.

Once notified by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact, all eligible staff and children should take an LFD test each day for 7 days and report the results through the Online Reporting System and to school. If your child tests negative, they can continue to attend school.

If your child tests positive, they should self-isolate and you need to order a PCR test to confirm the result. If the PCR is positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days. If the PCR test is negative, they no longer need to self-isolate but should continue to carry out the remainder of the daily tests, and only need to isolate if it is positive.

Parents have access to LFD test from community test sites, local pharmacies or online. I hope to receive a delivery of LFD tests today which parents will also have access to, only a limited supply.

I will continue to monitor the situation and follow the guidance I get from Ealing.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julian', written in a cursive style.

Julian Rakowski  
Headteacher