

16th December 2021

Dear parents and carers,

The government have introduced a change in what they would like you to do should you or your child be a close contact of someone that has a confirmed case of Covid-19.

They are asking adults and children (aged 5 and over) to take lateral flow tests for 7 days should they be notified that they have been in contact with a confirmed case.

You can read the government's guidance by searching 'gov.uk contacts confirmed coronavirus.'

## NHS Test & Trace - Close contact

If NHS Test and Trace contact you to say that your child is a close contact of someone who has Covid-19, they will ask for your child to take a lateral flow test every day for 7 days.

After each test you will be asked to report the results online..

- If they test negative, they can continue to attend school
- If they test positive, they should self-isolate and order a PCR test
  - o If the PCR is positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days.
  - If the PCR test is negative, they no longer need to selfisolate but should continue to carry out the remainder of the daily tests, and only need to isolate if it is positive.

Lateral flow tests are available through community test sites, local pharmacies or <u>online here</u>.

## Returning to school in January

As a reminder, we return to school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. Please check that your child is well and has no symptoms of Covid-19 before returning to school. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Herbert

## **Principal**