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Dear Parents and Carers

Advice to all Parents and Carers in Year 1

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I am writing to inform you that your child may have had close contact with a case of COVID-19 in their class. Your child does not need to isolate, but we are asking that they follow the current government guidance and take a daily lateral flow (LFD) test for the next 7 days. The test should be taken in the morning before attending school.

The school remains open, and your child should continue to attend as long as their LFD test result is negative, and they do not have any symptoms. If your child has a positive LFD result and develops symptoms, they should isolate and book a PCR test at www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or by calling 119.

Up until now, primary school aged children have not been asked to take lateral flow tests. However, in order to reduce the spread of infection, the government now recommends that anyone aged 5 years and over who is a close contact of someone with COVID-19 takes daily lateral flow tests for 7 days. While this guidance is advisory, we are grateful for your help in encouraging your child with testing which will help to keep pupils and staff safe by preventing further spread within school, whilst reducing disruption to your child's education.

LFD tests for children in Year 6 and below can be ordered online for home delivery at www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests or they can be collected from a local pharmacy.

It is important to remember that COVID-19 is usually a mild illness for children and young people who are much less likely to develop severe illness or be admitted to hospital. However, there are significant harms from interrupted education, particularly for those who are more vulnerable. It is important that all children continue to attend school for their educational progress, for their wellbeing and for their wider development. We also encourage all those eligible to take up their COVID-19 vaccinations.

Further information is available at www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

Yours sincerely

Miss Chappell
Headteacher

