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Dear Parents

We have been reminded through a DfE communication of this new approach and have been asked to communicate it with you.

Daily testing for contacts of COVID-19

From 14 December, a new national approach to daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 has been introduced. 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 an LFD test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating. Children under five years old do not need to take part in daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 and do not need to isolate.

All staff and pupils are strongly recommended to take a LFD each day for 7 days and report the results through the [online reporting system](#). If the test is negative, they can continue to attend school. If any of these test results are positive, they should self-isolate immediately and [order a polymerase chain reaction \(PCR\) test](#). Outside of the school setting, they should continue to follow [national guidance](#). This approach should also be adopted over the Christmas holiday and on return in January.

Many thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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