



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

Dear Parents and Carers

First of all, I would like to thank those of you who have stringently followed the Government Guidance and have been Lateral Flow Testing your children to protect other children and our staff.

Today, we have received an update from the Government which states:

"From today, adults who are fully vaccinated and **all children and young people aged between 5 to 18 years and 6 months identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, are strongly advised to take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days** and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result."

We have had positive cases in **all** year groups so I would strongly advise you to Lateral Flow Test your child before they attend school tomorrow.

The symptoms of Covid-19 identified by the World Health Organization are:

### **Most common symptoms:**

- fever
- cough
- tiredness
- loss of taste or smell.

### **Less common symptoms:**

- sore throat
- headache
- aches and pains
- diarrhoea
- a rash on skin, or discolouration of fingers or toes
- red or irritated eyes.

Please do not send your child into school with any of these symptoms or if any other family members in the home have tested positive. This is to ensure that we do not need to close year groups or the school early.

If your child does display these symptoms in school over the next three days, we will either send them home or offer to Lateral Flow Test your child, with your permission, in order to keep them in school.

Our staff are:

- Daily Lateral Flow Testing
- Wearing masks when they are not teaching
- Following all of the hand hygiene and school hygiene recommendations
- Keeping children in year group bubbles, wherever possible

Thank you for your continued support. I'm sure we would all agree that this has been the most challenging two years!

Kind regards

Miss Gribble