

## COVID-19 UPDATE

15<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Daily COVID testing for close contacts**

You may well be aware that from 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 a new national approach to testing for all those who have been identified by NHS track and trace as a close contact of a positive COVID case is in place.

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 instead of self-isolating.

Once notified by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact, all eligible staff, pupils and students should:

- Take an LFD each day for 7 days and report the results through the [Online Reporting System](#) and to their school.
- If they test negative, they can continue to attend school.
- If they test positive, they should self-isolate and 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.
- Outside school, you should continue to follow the advice set out in the [Sunday 12 December press release](#).
- Anyone over the age of 18 years and 6 months who is not vaccinated, must isolate in line with government guidelines if they are a close contact of a positive case.

Please refer to the flow chart on the following page to support you in your decision making.

# Self-isolation & testing requirements from Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021

*This chart is based on government guidance at the time of issue and is subject to change, please continue to refer to government guidance.*

