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FOR CONTACTS/PARENTS OF CLOSE CONTACTS OF COVID 19 at The Dean Academy

Advice that self-isolation can now end

Dear Parent/Carer

On Sunday 4th July we contacted you to inform you that your child was identified as a close contact of a person who had tested positive for COVID-19 using a lateral flow device (LFD). We followed the national guidance and advised all close contacts to self-isolate at home.

When someone tests positive for COVID-19 it is so important we take immediate action to prevent spread in our community. I would like to thank you for your support in helping us to do this.

We are pleased to now report that the follow-up test processed in a laboratory has returned a negative result. This means we are no longer treating the person as a confirmed case of COVID-19 and their close contacts can end self-isolation.

What to do next

So long as your child does not have any symptoms of COVID-19, has not tested positive for COVID-19 and has not been told to isolate as a close or household contact of another case of COVID-19, they can now leave isolation and return to school from tomorrow (Wednesday 7th July).

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, **you should organise for your child to be tested** via the [NHS online portal](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/) or by calling 119. Your household should isolate until you receive the test results and are provided with advice on what to do next.

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Further information about COVID-19 is available at
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Yours sincerely

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