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Dear Parents and Carers

The guidance surrounding Covid-19 is changing regularly at the moment. We are writing to inform you of two recent changes which have been announced over recent days and change the action taken following a positive test result.

Confirmatory PCR tests to be temporarily suspended

Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11th January. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test. Should you have any questions regarding what to do if your child tests positive on a LFD test please contact us and our attendance team will be able to assist you.

Changes to the self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19

The 10-day self-isolation period for students and staff who record a positive test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days (in most circumstances).

Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to school from day 7.

Should you have any questions or queries regarding this information please contact the school and a member of the senior team will be in touch.

Yours sincerely

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