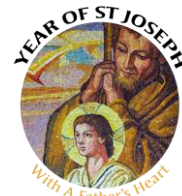




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Covid update 16th December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

In response to recent guidance changes and rising Omicron cases, hopefully the following will clarify the current situation.

Daily testing of close contacts

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. Daily testing should be undertaken even if close contacts are within 90 days of confirmed infection. The 90 day pause is only applicable to routine asymptomatic testing.

The guidance states that daily testing should commence when identified as a close contact by NHS Test and Trace. We recommend that schools also advise daily testing for close contacts that they have identified within their settings.

For primary aged children [LFD test kits are available through the usual routes](#) (community test sites, local pharmacies or online).

If anyone tests positive in your household and your children, who are close contacts, are attending school please inform the school of this.

Many thanks for your support,

Kind regards

Clare Howells
Acting Headteacher

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