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Dear Parent/Carer

Covid Update - New procedure for reporting a positive case

The government announced this morning that, from 11 January, those who do not have symptoms and have a positive lateral flow will still have to isolate, but will no longer take a PCR. I would therefore like to outline the new reporting procedure for our school.

If your child tests positive for Covid either by a LFT or a PCR test you must complete this [form](#) immediately. There is no need to call the attendance line. The form can also be found on our [website](#). You must also report the positive result on the government website [here](#).

The form asks you to indicate which test your child has taken and the last date of your child's 10 day isolation period. This date is 10 days following the day symptoms started, or 10 days following the day of a positive result if no symptoms were present. Your child will be recorded as isolating up to and including the date given.

As stated in my letter yesterday, following changes to the guidance, if your child has two consecutive negative lateral flow tests, 24 hours apart, from day 6 of their isolation, they can return to school from day 7. Given the new flexibility around this return date, for safeguarding reasons, **you MUST inform the school by emailing kevi@the3rivers.net before your child returns so we are aware they are coming back to school before the end of the 10 day period.**

Continued regular LFD Testing

Staff and students are strongly encouraged to continue testing twice weekly at home and to report negative results to [NHS here](#) and to school via this [link](#). ***Even if your child has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days, they are strongly encouraged to take part in LFT testing once they have completed their isolation period for their prior infection.***

Daily testing for close contacts

People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time. This is so that any subsequent positive cases can be quickly picked up and for self isolation to begin as soon as possible. We will continue to distribute test kits as needed.

We currently have 50 suspected positive cases across the school. The situation is constantly changing and we are doing our best to provide you with a simple way to give us the information we need and thank you in advance for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Ms C Savage
Headteacher

