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Dear parents/carers,

Following the Government changes to testing for Covid that come into place from tomorrow, I would like to outline those changes and what it means for us at School.

Please find the link to the latest government guidance here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/confirmatory-pcr-tests-to-be-temporarily-suspended-for-positive-lateral-flow-test-results>

### **Testing positive on Lateral flow from Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January**

- If your child or a member of your household tests positive on a Lateral flow from 11.1.22, you are no longer required to carry out a PCR test, but instead isolate for 7/10 days and continue to take a lateral flow test daily.
- Children and staff members can return to school/work on day 8 following a negative lateral flow test on day 6 and 7 of your isolation, providing your child/ren are not displaying any symptoms.
- Please confirm with the school office asap if your child or a member of your household has tested positive on a lateral flow.
- Children can attend school when members of the household have tested positive on a lateral flow (providing they are not displaying any symptoms), but they must carry out daily lateral flows for the next 7 days.
- Please do not send your child to school if they are displaying any Covid related symptoms (High temperature, new or continuous cough and sore throat).
- If your child/ren displays symptoms whilst at school, we will contact parents to collect children and carry out a lateral flow at home (particularly if there is currently a positive case within the household). Children should stay at home and self-isolate if they test positive on their lateral flow or if their symptoms persist.

### **Access to learning whilst isolating:**

- If you child/ren are isolating and are unable to attend school learning will be available on the class dojo site for them to access at home.
- This learning will help to support your child/ren to make a smooth transition with their return to school and we explore the learning currently covered in the classroom.
- If you need support to access the learning on the class dojo, please contact the school office

Please do not hesitate to contact the school directly if you need any further clarification on any of the above. Once again, thank you for your continual support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Cook