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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sorry that I am not bringing more Christmas cheer, but I am writing again re Covid - sorry! Hopefully this will be the last time this year I write to you about Covid measures! I have had a further update from Public Health with clarity on the need for LFD testing in different situations. As such, I have summarised below and updated the websites with version 27 of the Risk Assessment.

1. **To confirm, close contacts will no longer be required to seek a PCR test** (if they are exempt from self-isolation) and will instead be **advised to conduct daily LFD tests for 7 days** (or up to 10 days since the last contact with the positive case, if this is sooner). **Children who are close contacts also need to take the seven days of LFD tests but must still attend school as long as they are negative and they have no symptoms.**
2. However if at any point a close contact develops symptoms themselves or they receive a positive LFD result, they should immediately isolate and seek a confirmatory PCR test.
3. If close contacts are not exempt from isolation (adults who are not double vaccinated), they are still recommended to take a PCR test (though a negative result will not mean they can leave isolation early – they will still need to complete their 10-day isolation period).
4. **If you have had Covid in the past 90 days, you still DO need to take seven days of LFD tests if you are a close contact.**
5. Anyone with symptoms should still always take a PCR test.
6. Public Health have asked me to share this information with you: ***“There is a new variant of COVID-19 - Omicron - which is highly infectious and spreading fast. Every adult in the country now needs to get a Covid-19 booster vaccine, because two doses of the vaccine are not enough to give the level of protection against infection that we all need. Boosters give you the best possible protection against the virus and should significantly reduce your risk of serious illness and hospitalisation.”***

Hope fully we will make it to the end of the week with no further amendments!

I will keep an eye on the guidance over the Christmas break and will contact you if there are any major changes affecting our return to school on 4th January.



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Thank you all so much for the support you have given to our schools this term.

Have the most wonderful festive break and all the best for 2022.

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