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Dear parents and carers

Daily testing of close contacts for COVID-19 – updated guidance for schools

This afternoon the Department for Education have released updated guidance for schools:

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.

This has an impact on the advice that we give in the event of a positive case of COVID-19 at school. Therefore, children in Class 4 (where our most recent positive cases have been) can now take a daily lateral flow test and continue to attend school providing the test result is negative and they are not suffering with any [COVID-19 symptoms](#).

[Lateral Flow Tests can be ordered using this link](#). Whilst we have a stock of Lateral Flow Tests for school staff, we do not have a surplus to hand out to families.

Mr J. Veness