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RE: Positive case in Puma class

Dear parents

There has been a positive case in Puma class (a child). The [guidance](#) states that children are not required to self-isolate if they are a close contact however they should take a lateral flow device test (LFD) for 7 days. **Therefore please ensure your child takes a LFD test before they come into school each day.**

Daily testing by close contacts will help to slow the spread of COVID-19. Daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 will help protect education settings by reducing transmission and will also help keep pupils in face-to-face education.

If your child tests negative, they can continue to attend school. Outside school, please continue to follow the advice set out in the [Sunday 12 December press release](#).

If your child tests positive, they should self-isolate and [order a PCR test](#) to confirm the result. If the PCR is positive, your child should not come to school. Please also advise the school as soon as possible. As you may be aware from 22 December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days, following two negative LFD tests, taken 24 hours apart. Therefore if your child tests positive for COVID-19, they may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. If they receive two negative test results and do not have a high temperature your child can come back to school from **day 7**. Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation. [Please click](#) here for the guidance. If the PCR test is negative, they no longer need to self-isolate but should continue to carry out the remainder of the daily tests, and only need to isolate if it is positive.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that your **child should not come to school if they have developed COVID-19 symptoms or have had a positive test result**. If your child develops [COVID-19 symptoms](#) (high temperature; a new continuous cough; or a loss or change in sense of taste or smell) however mild, they will be sent home and you should follow public health advice.

Kind regards
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