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RE: Positive cases in Woodpecker class

Dear parents

There have been several positive cases in Woodpecker class (a member of staff and 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, please advise the school as soon as possible. As you may be aware from 17 January, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 5 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 5 and day 6 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 6**. Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

As from Tuesday 11 January if your child tests positive on a LFD test there is no requirement to obtain a confirmatory PCR test. Your child must however report the positive result on the Government website and advise the school. They must then isolate at home as detailed above.

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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