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Dear Parents,

REMINDER of Current Procedures (UPDATED)

Due to recently published research, it appears to indicate that Lateral Flow Devices (LFD) are becoming more accurate. With this in mind we have updated our procedures with immediate effect. This is just a quick letter to remind everyone of the systems that we are using.



- If a child displays any of the COVID symptoms (or is generally unwell) then a LFD is recommended to be taken immediately, followed by the booking of a PCR test.
- If a child has a POSITIVE LFD then that child needs to stay at home until the outcome of the PCR test is confirmed.
- Any siblings should still be coming to school, unless they are showing symptoms themselves. Normal attendance rules apply.
- Once the results of the PCR test have been established the child either continues to self-isolate for the 10 day period (with a positive PCR test result) or (with a negative PCR test result) returns to school. Siblings still come to school unless they have symptoms themselves.
- There is no requirement for the school to notify the wider parent body of a case. However, should there be an outbreak of more than 5 cases in a single class then advice will be taken from Public Health England.
- If a member of the household has a positive PCR result then non-positive children should still be coming to school. It is recommended that the rest of the family also get a PCR test. If the positive household case is a parent or guardian, the children are still expected to be in school. Parents should organise alternative arrangements, otherwise we have been informed that it will result in an unauthorised absence.

I appreciate that this system (implemented on September 1st and updated now), may seem counterintuitive to what we have been used to. The reality now is that COVID is being treated in the same way as other illnesses with regard to attendance at school. I hope that this explains clearly what we are being asked to do? Should you require any further clarification or have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Simon Wakeman
Executive Head