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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Updated COVID Contact Testing**

We have received updated guidance in relation to COVID-19 testing.

The government has introduced a new national approach for contacts of COVID-19, based on daily testing.

All adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified by NHS Track and Trace as a contact of someone with COVID-19 – whether Omicron or not – should now take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for seven days instead of self-isolating.

If notified by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact, all eligible staff and students should take an LFD each day for seven days and report the results through the [Online Reporting System](#) and to their school. If they test negative, they can continue to attend their education setting.

If they test positive, they should self-isolate and [order a PCR test](#) to confirm the result. If the PCR is positive, they must self-isolate for ten days. 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.

For students with SEND who struggle to or are unable to self-swab daily for seven days, we will work with families to agree appropriate testing, such as assisted swabbing.

Home testing kits are available from reception, please contact [info@parkside.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@parkside.derbyshire.sch.uk) if you would like your child to bring some home.

If you have any concerns in relation to the above, please contact 119 for further information.

Yours sincerely

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