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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to let you know there has been a significant number of cases of COVID-19 within the school community, and across all classes in school. Cases have continued to be reported in **all classes** this week since the letter sent to parents on **Sunday evening 16.1.22**.

Whilst schools are no longer required to undertake detailed contact tracing for cases of COVID-19 (unless in very exceptional circumstances), following discussion with the North Yorkshire Public Health team we have been advised to recommend that **all children in school undertake daily lateral flow testing for 7 days from today 19.1.22, as it is likely that they have been in close contact with a positive case.**

The 3 main symptoms of COVID-19 remain a fever (temperature 37.8OC or higher), a new continuous cough, or a change to/loss of taste or smell. **However, other commonly reported symptoms of recent variants include headache, sore throat, tiredness, and cold-like symptoms, so please be aware of these as well and stay at home and seek further testing if you are in any doubt.**

Can I take this opportunity to reassure parents that school are in daily contact with the public health team for NYCC, the DFE and the school improvement advisor to ensure that all measures possible are in place to keep the spread of COVID-19 to a minimum. Rigorous cleaning routines, bubble systems and a robust risk assessment are in place to protect all members of our community, as they have been since the start of the pandemic.

Should you have any concerns, please contact school via the admin email address or the school office and we will be happy to discuss these with you and share any further information required. Whilst WhatsApp and social media can be a great way for parents to communicate, in some cases this can lead to misinformation being shared which is unhelpful for all parties concerned, and upsetting for staff when this is fed back to them.

Just a reminder that all correspondence from school is emailed to all parents and these letters have been uploaded to the school website for your reference under the letters home tab or the COVID-19 guidance page.



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If your child tests positive:

If your child tests positive, then they should self-isolate for 10 days as per government guidance but they **do not need a confirmatory PCR test unless they have symptoms**.

They can end their isolation from Day 6 if they have tested negative on a lateral flow test (LFD) on day 5 & day 6 (tests must be 24 hours apart). If you do not have a negative result on day 5 & 6 you should continue to test until you have two negative tests, or you reach day 10, whichever is soonest. Anyone who has tested positive on a PCR test in the last 90 days is not required to have a further PCR test unless they develop new symptoms. However, they should continue with regular lateral flow testing.

Additional lateral flow tests can be ordered online at <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>, or by calling 119.

They can also be collected from many local pharmacies. PCR tests can be accessed via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

A list of local testing facilities and opening times is available here: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19-testing>

Test and Trace may be in touch with you in the coming days if your child is directly identified as a close contact by the case, but as a school we will not pass personal contact details on to cases to share with Test and Trace. Children who are close contacts of someone with COVID-19 are no longer required to isolate unless they develop symptoms.

Kind regards

Sarah Taylor

Head teacher