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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to let you know there has been five confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the school community. 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 your child undertakes daily lateral flow testing for 7 days (in line with the latest guidance for close contacts, updated 14th December) as it is likely that they have been in close contact with a positive case.

In this instance public health have also advised for children who are close contacts to take a PCR test as well, as part of the school's outbreak management response, in line with the guidance followed throughout the rest of this term.

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. PCR tests can be accessed via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. It may be easier to request a home testing kit where available. They do not need to isolate while they wait for the result, unless they have symptoms.

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 the case 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. 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 the Delta variant 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.

Kind regards
Sarah Taylor
Head teacher