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Dear parents and families,

Re: Updated Government COVID guidance

We received yesterday updated information from the Secretary of State for Education, Nadhim Zahawi. I would like to share this with you so you have the information you need to keep your family as safe as possible.

Vaccinations and LFD testing

12-15 year olds who have not been vaccinated can book an appointment out of school on the National Booking System, and from 20th December those eligible for second doses will be also be able to book.

Continued support for LFD testing for COVID-19, which is critical in helping to reduce the spread of the virus. In light of the new variant, the need to continue testing and reporting test results is more important than ever.

Daily testing for contacts of COVID-19

From 14 December, a new national approach to daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 has been introduced. All adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified as a **contact of someone with COVID-19 – whether Omicron or not – should take an LFD test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating.** Children under five years old do not need to take part in daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 and do not need to isolate. Report the results through the [online reporting system](#) and to their setting.

Ventilation

Throughout this term, the department has been rolling out CO2 monitors are in place to support schools which have identified areas of poor ventilation.

Face coverings

As a temporary measure, we recommend the wearing of face coverings in communal areas of education and childcare settings, and for staff and visitors. We are not recommending that pupils and staff wear face coverings in classrooms.

Contingency plans

To prepare for any possible changes in public health advice, review existing contingency plans in case of any future changes.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Miss Cotchin
Headteacher

Our School Values are: Inclusion, Perseverance, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility and Collaboration.

