

16<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear parents and carers,

The government have introduced a change in what they would like you to do should you or your child be a close contact of someone that has a confirmed case of Covid-19.

They are asking adults and children (aged 5 and over) to take lateral flow tests for 7 days should they be notified that they have been in contact with a confirmed case.

You can read the government's guidance by searching '[gov.uk contacts confirmed coronavirus.](#)'

### **NHS Test & Trace – Close contact**

If NHS Test and Trace contact you to say that your child is a close contact of someone who has Covid-19, they will ask for your child to take a lateral flow test every day for 7 days.

After each test you will be asked to report the results online..

- If they test negative, they can continue to attend school
- If they test positive, they should self-isolate and [order a PCR test](#)
  - o If the PCR is positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days.
  - o 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.

Lateral flow tests are available through community test sites, local pharmacies or [online here](#).

### **Returning to school in January**

As a reminder, we return to school on **5<sup>th</sup> January at 8.30am**. Please check that your child is well and has no symptoms of Covid-19 before returning to school.

Please can all parents/carers wear masks, from January, when on site and give each other appropriate space to help keep everyone safe

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

George Fraser

**Principal**