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Dear Parents and Carers –

I am writing to let you know that we have a confirmed case of Covid 19 in Class 3. The child has tested positive on a Lateral Flow Test and a PCR.

The Government has stated that, as schools, we do not need to alert parents about close contacts, however, I feel in the current climate, this does not sit comfortably and that it is a courtesy to be as open and honest with you as possible. The school will therefore be contacting any child who we deem to have been a “close contact” of the child who has tested positive.

If your child is identified by the school as a close contact we will speak to you directly and encourage you to have your child tested with a PCR test, at a test centre, as soon as possible

[Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/get-a-free-pcr-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus-covid-19)

As we have opted to authorise this absence for such a short period of time, we will not be setting work specifically but will draw your attention to online activities and sites that we as a school subscribe to. Our usual ‘remote learning’ policy will step in if any individuals or groups have to isolate.

DfE guidance on isolation:

Here are the main points to consider under the new guidance:

If a child in school becomes unwell with symptoms of Coronavirus, they will be sent home and asked to get a PCR test. If it is negative, they can return to school as soon as they are well enough.

If a child in school tests positive, they need to isolate for 10 days. Members of the family in the household no longer need to isolate but are strongly advised to get a PCR test (not a Lateral Flow Test) and respond to the result of that test accordingly. If there are any siblings in the family that attend our school, we will authorise any absence whilst you wait for a test result.

If your child is a close contact of a positive pupil, you will be advised by us to get a PCR test for your child. Again, we will initially authorise any absence whilst waiting for a PCR test result.

Packs of Lateral Flow Tests can be ordered online

It is easy to order Lateral Flow tests for your own peace of mind if this something you would like to do as a family.

[Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any further questions or concerns.

Mrs Suzanne Robertson

Headteacher

