



HURST HILL PRIMARY



Dear Parent/Carer

From Tuesday 14 December, a new national approach to daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 was introduced. All adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, who have been identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 – whether Omicron or not – should take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating.

Daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 will help protect education settings by reducing transmission and will also help keep pupils in face-to-face education. Further absence from education at this point is proven to have a detrimental effect on pupils' progress and their health and wellbeing.

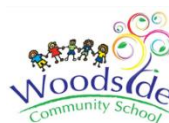
Once notified by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact, pupils should take an LFD each day for 7 days and report the results through the [Government Online Reporting System](#). If they test negative, they can continue to attend school. This will continue over the Christmas holiday and on our return in January.

If pupils test positive on a LFD, they should self-isolate and take a PCR test to confirm the result. If the PCR is positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days. 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.

LFD tests can be collected from certain pharmacies with a collect code or ordered for home delivery [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school community safe.

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