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Dear Parents and Carers,

Changes to Lateral Flow Testing

As you will be aware, as from today the guidance has changed regarding positive results on a lateral flow (LFD). The change has been brought in to relieve some pressure on the PCR tests, and to stop any potential extra spread.

The rules are now if you or your child test positive on an LFD you should **isolate and assume you have COVID**. If you do not have symptoms you do not need to do anything else, other than log your result on the Government [website](#).

You do however need to isolate for 10 days. You can test again on Day 6. If this is negative - test again on Day 7 – these tests must be 24 hours apart. If this is negative - then your isolation may end. If your test indicates that you are still positive, test again the following days and if you have 2 consecutive negative results 24 hours apart your isolation may end. However, if you remain positive, continue to isolation for 10 days.

This change is informed by public health advice. With high COVID-19 rates, the risk of a positive LFD result being false is very small. Therefore, people are not being asked to carry out a confirmatory PCR unless you:

- have symptoms (in which case you need to follow the stay at home guidance, self-isolate and order a PCR test);
- wish to claim the Test and Trace Support Payment;
- have been advised to take a PCR test because you are in a clinically vulnerable group;
- have been advised to do so as part of a research or surveillance programme.

You are able to book a PCR test [here](#).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact school. Further COVID advice can be found [here](#).

Kind regards,

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