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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your continued support and understanding through this difficult period. There has been some further guidance released from the Department for Education that I thought I would share with you.

Temporary Suspension of PCR tests in Education Settings

PCR testing following a positive Lateral Flow Test will be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11th January. This means that pupils who have reported a positive Lateral Flow Test and **do not have symptoms** will no longer need to get a PCR test.

We therefore do not need to ask pupils to take a PCR test to confirm a positive Covid case, unless they:

- Have symptoms
- Wish to claim a Test and Trace Support Payment
- Have been advised to take a PCR Test because they are in a clinically vulnerable group
- Have been advised to do so as part of a research or surveillance programme

Daily testing for close contacts of Covid

People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with Covid, should take a Lateral Flow Test every day for seven days and continue to attend school as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

Vaccinations for Young People 12-15

We are encouraging pupils aged 12 to 15, to have their Covid vaccination at a walk-in centre. This can be their 1st or 2nd vaccine. For more information please speak to your GP or visit www.nhs.uk We are waiting to hear from the Government about the opportunity for further vaccinations in school.

And finally, an update to term dates:

Queens Jubilee (Public Holiday)

Schools have been granted 1 day Public Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We will be closing the school for this day on Wednesday 20th July 2022. This means the last day in school for pupils will be Tuesday 19th July 2022.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school during the ever-changing Government guidance. We are doing our best to keep you informed.

With kind regards,

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Headteacher