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Dear Parent and Carers

I am writing to advise you that late yesterday morning Suffolk County Council provided updated guidance to the school regarding COVID-19 control measures.

The important changes to the guidance are contained in this email and we request that you read and observe the information to help us manage COVID-19 in the school as well as possible.

- The first key change is that the siblings of positive cases will no longer be asked to stay away from school. Instead they are advised to undertake a daily Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test for five days and [report the result to the school using this link](#), and also [NHS Test and Trace](#). Students should only attend school if the tests are negative. If the LFD is positive then students should isolate and take a PCR test as soon as possible.
- The second change is that at the fifth day from first contact with the symptomatic positive case, a PCR should be taken and [the result reported to the school here](#). The school will ask for evidence of these test results.

Students who have not been in contact with positive cases should continue to LFD test twice a week and [report the results to the school](#) and to [NHS Test and Trace](#).

We must stress the importance of you as Parents/Carers reporting test results, both positive and negative LFD and PCR tests to both the school and NHS Test and Trace. The reason for this is that it helps to provide a clear understanding of the proportion of negative tests to positive tests and will help the school assess whether or not additional control measures are required.

LFD test kits are always available from Reception during school hours. We will also be distributing more kits to students during assemblies next week.

A final reminder regarding the current COVID-19 control measures in place in school:

- All staff, students and visitors are to wear face masks (unless exempt for medical reasons) in communal areas outside of the classroom and on public and school transport
- Only essential visitors can attend the school site by appointment only
- Facilitating vaccinations for eligible students
- Promotion of regular hand washing/sanitisation, ventilation of classrooms and CO₂ monitoring

Yours faithfully

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