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Dear parents and carers,

I am aware the letter you received from me this week contained information on testing and close contact expectations. This was correct at the time of writing but yesterday the DfE issued updated guidance to schools on the expectations around testing for close contacts. As of 14th December if you are contacted by ourselves or NHS test and trace and told your child is a close contact they should only go for a PCR test if they have symptoms. If they are an asymptomatic close contact (of any COVID variant!) then they should undertake daily lateral flow tests for 7 consecutive days using home testing kits. If they receive a positive result they should then go for a confirmatory PCR test. They are able to attend school as long as they are not symptomatic.

We will continue to supply lateral flow tests to students who require them during term time, however for holiday periods, the tests can be ordered online and are available locally at test centres and pharmacies.

It is likely that this advice is to stay in place until January but as usual, if this changes I will be in touch.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Pope
Headteacher