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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your support during our lateral flow in-school testing. This has been a major logistical exercise and students have been mature and well behaved throughout this process. In order to mitigate further spread of the virus can I please reiterate the importance of home self-testing twice a week every Sunday evening/Monday morning and again every Wednesday evening/Thursday morning. ONLY POSITIVE results should be reported using norwoodcovid-19selftestingresults@thenorwoodschool.org. Please find below a short summary of the latest government guidance regarding who should and should not self-isolate following recent guidance updates. Further government information for parents can be found here:

[What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges. Tracing and self-isolation:](#)

“Individuals are **not required to self-isolate** if they live in the same household as someone with COVID 19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead, NHS Test and Trace will inform affected individuals, children or their parents or carers that they have been in close contact with a positive case, and advise them to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so. Children and young people aged under 18 years 6 months who usually attend school who have been identified as a close contact should continue to attend school as normal.”

Positive rapid lateral flow test results

“Anyone with a positive test result will need to:

- self-isolate in line with the [stay at home guidance](#) (if they test positive at school, you should arrange for them to be collected)
- [book a further test](#) (a lab-based polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test) to confirm the result, whether the test was done at home, school or college. Whilst awaiting the PCR result, the individual should continue to self-isolate. If the PCR test is taken within the 2 days following the positive LFD result, and is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test and your child can return to nursery, childminders, school or college, as long as they don't have COVID-19 symptoms. “Do not send your child to their nursery, childminder, school, college or to an entry test for a selective school if:

- they are showing one or more [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#)
- they have had a positive test result
- there are other reasons requiring them to stay at home, for example, they are [required to quarantine](#)

Please note, if your child self-isolates outside the parameters of this guidance it will be classified as an unauthorised absence.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding,

Ms Nicholas