



Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Close Contacts Rule Changes

Following recent changes to the guidance re Covid-19 close contacts earlier this week I thought it important to write to you to keep you updated with the current procedures and the new approach to adopted where people are identified as a close contact.

The changes mean that any person identified as a close contact of someone with Covid-19 – whether Omicron or not - needs to undertake 7 days of lateral flow testing, regardless of age or vaccination status. Daily testing for contacts of Covid-19 will help protect students and staff in school by reducing transmission and therefore help to keep students in face-to-face education.

If identified by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact, pupils should take an LFD each day for 7 days and report the results through the NHS online reporting system. Please report any positive results for pupils to school immediately either via feedback@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk or absence@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk. If an LFD test is positive, the pupil needs to immediately isolate and parent/carer should book a PCR test at a testing centre as soon as possible. If the LFD is test negative, then pupils can continue to attend school as normal.

These changes apply for all close contacts, both within and outside of school. Currently there is no change to close contact tracing in schools. This will continue to be carried out by NHS Test and Trace.

For pupils with symptoms the guidance remains the same as previous with the pupil immediately isolating and the parent/carer booking a PCR test as soon as possible at a testing centre. On receipt of a positive PCR test result pupils should continue to isolate for 10 full days. On receipt of a negative PCR test result pupils can return to school.

Thank you in anticipation of your continued support. If you do have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to get in touch. I wish you all a restful, peaceful and hopefully Covid free holiday season and look forward to seeing pupils back in school on Tuesday 4th January. Should the guidance change again during the holiday period I will obviously write to you again.

Kind Regards,

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