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Dear Parents and Carers

Over the last two weeks, we have had to close three classes after children and one adult have tested positive for Covid-19.

The guidance has recently changed regarding Lateral Flow Testing (LFD) and we would ask you to read this carefully below:

'If a positive test result is received from a lateral flow test, the person who tests positive must be told to isolate and seek a PCR test as soon as possible.

Members of their household must also isolate, this includes siblings. Contact tracing and isolation of direct contacts (including closure of bubbles) must take place immediately following a positive LFD test'.

If a child or adult at school tests positive for a LFD test and then tests negative with a PCR, and evidence is shared, we are able to reopen a closed bubble and children and staff may return to school.

If you are using the free LFD tests, please inform school if your child tests positive then we can take immediate action to prevent the further spread of coronavirus Covid-19 within the school and wider community.

In School our measures have not changed:

- All children and adults are working with strict and fixed bubbles inside and outside
- Insisting on regular handwashing, sanitizing and use of tissues and temperature checks
- Adults LFD test twice a week
- Deep cleaning of all working spaces each evening
- Mid-afternoon cleaning of all touch points and toilets
- Screens to protect children when eating and separate sittings
- Staggered starts and staggered breaks to support distancing
- Asking that all adults wear face coverings on school site
- Asking staff to wear face coverings when leaving the school building to protect parents
- Asking that all information regarding symptoms and testing is shared immediately with School.

We ask that parents and carers support us by;

- Limiting children from mixing bubbles on the playgrounds before school (there is now an outdoor rule of 30 but this is only one class of children).
- Maintaining a distance from other families
- Not staying on the playgrounds and pick-up-points longer than necessary



- Wearing face coverings on the school site and when entering the buildings
- Telling us straight away if a child is unwell or there is a possible case in the family whether they are Airedale Academy, Junior, Infant or others, to help us contact trace from a positive case.
- Following Government guidelines regarding mixing households indoors, to prevent infection spreading to school

We must work together to keep Covid under control in our community.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Mrs Robinson