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Community Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Positive cases in school

The health and wellbeing of our children, young people and families remains our highest priority and we appreciate the support and understanding you have provided during this pandemic.

This week several positive cases of Covid-19 have been reported to the school and we would like to request that all children be taken for a PCR test in Years 1, Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5 over the weekend. They can attend as normal in school unless a positive result comes through, but as there are positive cases in these year groups, even though the numbers in each year group are low, this would help ensure we have a full picture of COVID infection across these year groups and will help to reduce rates.

Considering the increase in COVID cases, we would like to emphasise some key points to help us manage this so we can minimise disruption to education.

This includes:

1. Notifying us as soon as possible **if your child has had a positive Covid-19 test**
2. Making sure if your child has symptoms of Covid-19 they isolate and book a test immediately, **then follow the advice given when you get the result**
3. If your child has other symptoms or is not feeling well, then they must stay away from school as normal if they are unwell and **book a PCR test.**
You can book a test online and click the option that says: "**My local council or health protection team has asked me (or someone I live with) to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms.**" **If the result is positive your child will need to isolate as per guidance.**
4. Continue with routine twice weekly Lateral Flow testing at home. Anyone who has previously received a positive Covid-19 PCR test result should not be re-tested within 90 days of that test unless they develop any new symptoms of Covid-19.

All notifications should be sent to clerical@willow.lancs.sch.uk

In outbreak situations where cases continue to increase, Government Guidance enables us to apply additional measures, based on our risk assessment and discussion with our Public Health Outbreak Team, these will now include:

1. Advising all staff, parents and visitors to wear face masks in corridors when moving between lessons, in crowded areas and on public transport where appropriate



2. Temporarily stopping face to face assemblies for some year groups where we have an outbreak and to deliver virtually in school where possible
3. Requesting Daily LFD testing (7 days) for close contacts in schools, (pupils can attend school unless positive or symptomatic) – this includes pupils of primary school age.
4. Further measures based on school's risk assessment and Public health advice.

We will of course continue with our enhanced cleaning, ventilation and hygiene measures and our step up procedures outlined previously.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. If you have any questions about these measures, please contact the school office.

Kind regards,

Miss Lucy Naylor
Headteacher

