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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that we have had 3 positive cases of COVID-19 reported this week in school. The parents and carers of the relevant classes have already been notified but I still felt it was important for you to all be aware that we have seen this increase.

We have recommended that if it is at all possible, the children in these classes take an LFD test before they return to school. This way we may be able to slow the transmission from those children who are not showing any symptoms but who may indeed be carrying the virus.

Here is a reminder of the advice and steps currently being recommended;

Lateral flow tests can be ordered online here [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests), or collected from any pharmacy free of charge.

If the LFD test is positive then you will need to get a PCR test to confirm the result. Your child should not return to school while waiting for the PCR result if they have had a positive LFD test or have symptoms.

If your child does not have symptoms and has had a negative result on an LFD or PCR test, they are safe to attend school as usual.

If your child has symptoms of Covid-19, a PCR test should be taken. The main symptoms are:

- A high temperature
- A new or continuous cough - this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste - this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

We recognise that this is a worrying time but assure you of our consistent and robust approach to ensure that the risk of transmission is minimised.

Kind regards,

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