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Dear Parents and Carers of 3MC,

I am writing to inform you of a positive case of Covid-19 in your child's class.

Following updated DfE guidelines, schools are not required to inform parents of a positive case in school. However, I believe that it is important that we inform you to allow you to be vigilant and make your own decisions around mixing socially.

**If it is at all possible, we strongly recommend that your child takes an LFD test before they return to school tomorrow.** 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.

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/guidance/order-coronavirus-covid-19-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 will continue to inform you of positive cases in the class should they arise.

Kind regards,

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Annie Knoupe  
Headteacher

