



METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF CALDERDALE

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will probably be aware today the government has issued new guidance for people who have been in contact with a confirmed case of Covid 19.

In summary:

- All adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 – whether Omicron or not – should now take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days and do not need to isolate
- Children under five years old do not need to take part in daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 and do not need to isolate
- Anyone over the age of 18 years and 6 months who is not vaccinated, must isolate in line with government guidelines if they are a close contact of a positive case

In response to this guidance and the rapidly evolving situation, we ask that in the event of a pupil being identified as a contact of someone who has tested positive for Covid 19 (with the exception of under 5 year olds) they should take a Lateral Flow device test every day for seven days. LFD kits can be obtained from pharmacies or online at [www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests](http://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)

### Contact definitions

As previously, a “contact” is someone who has had close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case any time from 2 days before the person developed symptoms (or from 2 days before the date of their test if they didn't have symptoms), and up to 10 days after. This includes:

- face-to-face contact including being coughed on or having a face-to-face conversation within one metre, or
- having been within one metre for one minute or longer without face-to-face contact, or
- having been within 2 metres of someone for more than 15 minutes (either as a one-off contact, or added up together over one day).

Please note, we continue to review risk assessments and procedures in response to government guidance and local authority advice.

Thank you for your continued support

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Daveney - Headteacher