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But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded ~ 2 Chronicles 15:7

16th December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Changes to rules relating to close contacts

As you may be aware a new approach to daily testing for contacts regarding close contacts of positive Covid-19 cases have been introduced today.

The changes mean that any person identified as a close contact of someone with Covid-19 – whether Omicron or not - needs to carry out 7 days of lateral flow testing, regardless of age or vaccination status. Daily testing for contacts of Covid-19 will help protect students and staff in school by reducing transmission and therefore help to keep students in face-to-face education. Once identified by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact, all eligible students should take an LFD each day for 7 days and report the results through the NHS online reporting system. Please report any positive result to school immediately. If a test is positive, they need to immediately isolate and book a PCR test. If they test negative, then they can continue to attend school as normal.

These changes apply both for close contacts within the school setting or outside of school.

Currently there is no change to close contact tracing in schools. This will all be carried out by NHS Test and Trace.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R Walker", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mrs R Walker
Head of School

I can do all things through him who strengthens me ~ Philippians 4:13