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**HHS&SFC letter**



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Dear Parent/Carer

Following the Government announcement of further measures to combat the Omicron Covid variant, I felt it appropriate to write to you with a summary of how they will impact our school and students.

**Lateral Flow (LFD) Testing in January**

Many thanks to those of you that have consented to your child being given an LFD test when they return to school in January. These tests will take place on Wednesday 5 January. All students should attend school as normal and there will be a rota in place for students to be tested.

**Contacts of a positive case**

From today (14 December 2021), if you or a member of your family are contacted by the NHS Test and Trace team, you/they will be asked to self-isolate for 10 days unless you agree to undertake daily LFD testing for seven days. This applies to all variants of the virus. This also applies to all children over the age of five years. It does not apply to adults who are not fully vaccinated in which case you have to isolate for 10 days if you are contacted by the NHS. For more information, see the Government website [here](#).

**Regular Lateral Flow Testing**

We strongly encourage all students and their families to regularly carry out LFD testing to identify the virus. LFD kits were issued to students last week, if you require additional kits, please advise us. We appreciate your support with this.

**Changes to Covid Measures**

The school is closing on Friday 17 December and will remain so until Wednesday 5 January. However, we will be closely monitoring any changes to the Covid guidance where it relates to schools and will contact you by email and text message if there are any changes to our planned return to school. The timing of this will depend upon the Government but we would hope to be able to confirm our plans on or around 30 December.



**End and Start of Term**

A reminder that the Autumn Term ends at 1.45pm on Friday 17 December and the Spring Term begins at 8.30am on Wednesday 5 January.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all once again for your continued support towards myself and my staff during yet another problematic and difficult term. I hope that you and your family have a safe and Happy Christmas and a more normal New Year!

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'V Groak', written in a cursive style.

Mr V Groak  
Headteacher