

Dear Families,

You may be aware that the regulations around what to do about close contact with a COVID-19 case have changed

From today, 14.12.21,

- All adults who are fully vaccinated and identified as a close contact of a confirmed case (Omicron or other) should take a lateral flow test each day for seven days. An adult is someone above 18yrs 6 months.
- This applies also to children aged between 5 and 18yrs 6 months. Children under 5 are not required to take tests or isolate.
- These changes are instead of self isolating.
- Report the results through the [Online Reporting System](#) and to their setting covid@priorywoodsschool.com If they test negative, they can continue to attend their education setting.
- Outside of the education setting, they should continue to follow the advice set out in the [Sunday 12 December press release](#). This approach should also be adopted over the winter break and on return in January.
- If they test positive, they should self-isolate and [order a PCR test](#) to confirm the result. If the PCR is positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days. If the PCR test is negative, they no longer need to self-isolate but should continue to carry out the remainder of the daily tests, and only need to isolate if it is positive.
- For primary aged children [LFD test kits are available through the usual routes](#) (community test sites, local pharmacies or online).
- For secondary and P16, we have some kits in school available to be sent home. **PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WANT US TO SEND THEM HOME THIS WEEK.**

Before returning to school in January

Please, if possible, test your child on the day before coming to school on 4th January and again later in that week.