



14<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: Updated Government Guidance for Close Contacts of COVID 19**

Assalamu alaikom

I pray this letter finds you in good health and strong Imaan.

Most of you will be aware that from today, Tuesday 14 December, a new national approach to daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 is being introduced. This new guidance does affect primary school children, aged 5 years and above.

From Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021:

- 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 take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating.**
- **Once notified by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact**, all eligible staff and pupils should take an LFD each day for 7 days and **report the results** through the Online Reporting System **to their setting.**
- If they test negative, they can continue to attend their education setting. 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.





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- **For primary aged children LFD test kits are available** through the usual routes (community test sites, local pharmacies or online).
- **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.

I pray that Allah swt continues to protect everyone from harm.

Kind regards

Wasalaam

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