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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Cases of COVID-19: Advice to parents or carers

There have been 7 reported cases who have tested positive for coronavirus since I last wrote to you.

As we approach the Christmas break, I just wanted to take a moment to say thank you and to wish you well. This has, yet again, been one of the most challenging terms any of us will have known. However, the positive attitude, trust, and goodwill of our school community has been remarkable. Thank you.

We are no longer required to complete contact tracing and close contacts will now be identified via NHS Test and Trace. However, we still feel it's important to maintain transparent communication if we are made aware of any positive cases within our school.

As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case and/or their parent to identify close contacts. **Any identified close contacts will be contacted by Test and Trace directly.**

All individuals who have been identified as a close contact of a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant of COVID-19, irrespective of **vaccination status** and **age**, will be contacted directly and required to self-isolate immediately and asked to book a PCR test. They will be informed by the local health protection team or NHS Test and Trace if they fall into this category and provided with details about self-isolation. For everyone else the isolation rules are unchanged. Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a [PCR test](#). If someone in your household tests positive for COVID-19 you should book a PCR test for your child as soon as possible, even if your child is not showing symptoms of Covid-19.

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Please notify the school via [info@deptfordpark.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@deptfordpark.lewisham.sch.uk) of the situation and keep us updated. We would recommend that your child does not attend school until you have received the result of the PCR test.

Please let us know if you have any queries about any of the above, or any other matter, via [info@deptfordpark.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@deptfordpark.lewisham.sch.uk)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and wish you all a restful Christmas break.

Sincerely,



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