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Important information for Parents in Cedar 5 and 6, Oak Class and Palm Class

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to let you know there have been a 12 confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the school community.

Whilst schools are no longer required to undertake detailed contact tracing for cases of COVID-19 (unless in very exceptional circumstances), **following discussion with the North Yorkshire Public Health team we have been advised to recommend that all children in Oak, Palm and Cedar 5/6 class undertake daily lateral flow testing for 7 days as it is likely that they have been in close contact with a positive case.**

If your child tests positive then they should self-isolate for 10 days as per government guidance but they do not need a confirmatory PCR test unless they have symptoms. They can end their isolation from Day 7 if they have tested negative on a lateral flow test (LFD) on day 6 & day 7 (tests must be 24 hours apart). If you do not have a negative result on day 6 & 7 you should continue to test until you have two negative tests, or you reach day 10, whichever is soonest.

Anyone who has tested positive on a PCR test in the last 90 days is not required to have a further PCR test unless they develop new symptoms. However, they should continue with regular lateral flow testing. Additional lateral flow tests can be ordered online at <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapidlateral-flow-tests>, or by calling 119. They can also be collected from many local pharmacies. PCR tests can be accessed via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. A list of local testing facilities and opening times is available here: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19-testing>

Test and Trace may be in touch with you in the coming days if your child is directly identified as a close contact by the case, but as a school we will not pass personal contact details on to the cases. Children who are close contacts of someone with COVID-19 are no longer required to isolate unless they develop symptoms.

The 3 main symptoms of COVID-19 remain a fever (temperature 37.8OC or higher), a new continuous cough, or a change to/loss of taste or smell. However, other commonly reported symptoms of recent variants include headache, sore throat, tiredness, and cold-like symptoms, so please be aware of these as well and stay at home and seek further testing if you are in any doubt.

Kind regards
Sarah Taylor
Headteacher