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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please be advised that the Department for Education has updated the Contingency Framework for schools, which can be found [here](#). In a similar vein, the NHS Test and Trace guidance has been updated and can be found [here](#). Please do take the time to read over these two documents.

I would also like to remind you of the following:

1. Staff and students should continue to test twice weekly at home, with lateral flow device (LFD) test kits, 3 to 4 days apart. Testing remains voluntary but it is strongly encouraged.
 2. Those who test positive should isolate, take a confirmatory polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test, and continue to isolate if the result is positive.
 3. Under-18s, irrespective of their vaccination status, and double vaccinated adults will not need to self-isolate if they are a close contact of a positive case. They will be strongly advised to take a PCR test and, if positive, will need to isolate. 18-year-olds will be treated in the same way as children until 6 months after their 18th birthday, to allow them the opportunity to get fully vaccinated. Further guidance for [close contacts of someone who has tested positive and lives in the same household](#), and for [those who do not live together](#) is available.
- 4: If your son/daughter displays any Covid symptoms please do not send them into school. Organise for a PCR test and only send your child into school if the PCR presents as negative.

Yours faithfully,



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