



16<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to let you know there has been a confirmed case of Covid-19 in year 5, and your child may have had contact with them during their infectious period.

Schools are no longer expected to identify the close contacts of cases of Covid-19 this is done by the national Test and Trace system.

Test and Trace may be in touch with you in the coming days if your child is identified as a close contact by them, but as a school we will not pass personal contact details on to the case[s] to share with Test and Trace.

**Children who are close contacts of someone with Covid-19 are no longer required to isolate, but they are strongly advised to do a lateral flow test for the next 7 days, as they are at a higher risk of developing Covid-19 in the days after the contact. Lateral flow test are available from most local pharmacies.**

Your child should continue to attend school as normal unless they develop symptoms of Covid-19 or have a positive lateral flow test. If this occurs, please keep your child at home and book a PCR test for them.

The 3 main Covid-19 symptoms remain a temperature of 37.8 degrees or higher; a new continuous cough; a change to or loss of taste and smell. However, the most commonly reported symptoms of the Delta/Omicron variant include headache, sore throat, tiredness, and cold-like symptoms, so please be aware of these as well and seek testing if you are in any doubt.

Yours sincerely

J Atkinson  
Deputy Head