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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 6,

The health and wellbeing of our children, young people and families remains our highest priority and we appreciate the support and understanding you have provided during this pandemic.

This week several positive cases of Covid-19 have been reported to the school, especially Year 6. Following a lengthy discussion with a Lancashire County Council Public Health Covid adviser, we would like to emphasise some key points to help us manage this so we can minimise disruption to education.

This includes:

1. Notifying us as soon as possible **if your child has had a positive Covid-19 test**
2. Making sure if your child has symptoms of Covid-19 they isolate and book a test immediately, **then follow the advice given when you get the result**
3. If your child has other symptoms or is not feeling well, then they must stay away from school as normal if they are unwell and **book a PCR test.**

You can book a test online and click the option that says: **"My local council or health protection team has asked me (or someone I live with) to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms." If the result is positive your child will need to isolate as per guidance.**

In outbreak situations where cases continue to increase, Government Guidance enables us to apply additional measures, based on our risk assessment and discussion with our Public Health Outbreak Team, for **ALL YEAR 6 CHILDREN and STAFF** these will now include:

1. Temporarily stopping face to face assemblies for some year groups where we have an outbreak and to deliver virtually in school where possible
2. Requesting Daily LFD testing (7 days) for close contacts in schools, (pupils can attend school unless positive or symptomatic) – this includes pupils of primary school age.
3. Further measures based on school's risk assessment and Public health advice.

We will of course continue with our enhanced cleaning, ventilation and hygiene measures. If you cannot get a Lateral Flow Test for your child from the community or by calling 119, please ask at school.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. If you have any questions about these measures, please contact the school office.

Yours faithfully

Annalisa Howarth

Headteacher