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Dear Parents and Carers

## **Current COVID and Safeguarding Guidance over Christmas**

### **COVID Guidance**

**In the event of any COVID cases over the Christmas break please follow the recent guidance below.**

All adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified as a contact of someone with Covid-19 – whether Omicron or not – should take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating.”

Once notified by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact, all eligible staff and pupils should:

- Take an LFD each day for 7 days and report the results through the [Online Reporting System](#) and to their school.
- If they test negative, they can continue to attend school.
- If they test positive, they should self-isolate and order a PCR test to confirm the result. If the PCR is positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days. If the PCR test is negative, they no longer need to self-isolate but should continue to carry out the remainder of the daily tests, and only need to isolate if it is positive.
- Outside of school, they should continue to follow the advice set out in the [Sunday 12 December press release](#).
- Anyone over the age of 18 years and 6 months who is not vaccinated, must isolate in line with government guidelines if they are a close contact of a positive case.
- This approach should also be adopted over the winter break and on return in January.
- Please find attached a very helpful flowchart that was on the CST briefing this week

**We will need notification of any COVID cases before the children return to school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

### **Safeguarding Guidance**

If you have any concerns about a child over the Christmas period please follow the link below for contacts, advice and support in North Lincolnshire.

<https://www.northlincs.gov.uk/people-health-and-care/keeping-children-safe-in-north-lincolnshire/>

Kind Regards

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