

# THE PIGGOTT SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

I write to highlight the national changes in regards to self-isolation and daily Lateral Flow Device Testing. This is particularly important as this advice now pertains to **primary age children from the age of five.**

The following is taken from local and national guidance released yesterday:

*From Tuesday 14 December, people who are fully vaccinated and identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 – whether Omicron or not – should take an NHS rapid lateral flow test every day for 7 days to help slow the spread of COVID-19.*

*Daily rapid testing applies to all contacts who are:*

- fully vaccinated adults – people who have had 2 jabs*
- all children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, regardless of their vaccination status*
- people who can prove they are unable to be vaccinated for clinical reasons*
- people taking part, or have taken part, in an approved clinical trial for a COVID-19 vaccine*

*Under 5s are exempt from self-isolation and do not need to take part in daily rapid lateral flow testing.*

*Unvaccinated adults are not eligible for this new daily testing policy, they must self-isolate for 10 days if they are a contact of someone who tests positive for COVID-19 – Omicron or not – unless eligible for an existing workplace daily contact testing.*

*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.*

*All secondary aged students should have access to a box of 7 LFD tests from their education setting. For primary aged children [LFD test kits are available through the usual routes](#) (community test sites, local pharmacies or online).*

Our Year 8s, who have been working remotely this week, may now return to onsite lessons at school on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December, provided are not displaying any COVID-19 symptoms.

Yours faithfully

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