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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing with an important update and positive news. The child who tested positive on the Lateral Flow Test (LFT), with no Covid symptoms, took a lab-based polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test within two days of the LFT and it has come back **negative**.

The Government's guidance to schools is as follows:

'Confirmatory PCR tests

Staff or pupils with a positive LFD test result must self-isolate in line with the stay-at-home guidance. They will also need to arrange a lab-based polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test to confirm the result.

If the PCR test is taken within 2 days of the positive lateral flow test, and is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test and the pupil can return to school, as long as the individual doesn't have COVID-19 symptoms.

Those with a negative LFD test result can also continue to attend school and use protective measures.'

As a result, all Year 8 children who were identified as close contacts, no longer need to self-isolate and can return to school tomorrow.

This is positive news indeed for everyone in our school community. We are very aware that the number of confirmed cases although locally still relatively low is continuing to rise, in particular amongst young people. It remains more important than ever that we continue to keep our guard up. We must do all we can to help look after each other.

Please continue to emphasise with your child the importance of regular handwashing and social distancing where possible. In addition, if your child is in KS3, it is really important to continue to use Lateral Flow Tests twice weekly. We recommend early evening, every Sunday and Wednesday.

Thank you for your continued support.

All best wishes,

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