

13<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to inform you that there has been a positive case of COVID19 within the school community and as a result your child may have been in close contact with an individual who has tested positive for the virus that causes COVID-19. It is unlikely but possible that they have been infected. Even if infected, children are at very low risk of serious illness from COVID-19.

In order to reduce the risk of further positive cases within the school community, I am asking you to **please arrange for your child to undertake daily LFD testing for seven days**. Your child does not need to self-isolate and should continue to attend school.

If your child tests positive on an LFD test, they should isolate immediately for 10 days but they do not need to get a PCR test. If they get a negative LFD test on day 6 and 7 (24 hours apart) they can then return to school on day 7. If they continue to test positive, they should continue to isolate for the full 10 days or until their temperature has gone, if symptoms have appeared and continue after the 10 days is over.

Thank you for continuing to support our school to remain a safe place.

Yours sincerely

Head teacher

On behalf of Essex County Council