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Dear Parents / Carers,

### Covid notification updates

Whilst NHS Test and Trace have taken on the responsibility for Covid notifications for school children since September, during the Spring Term, we will send a text alert to parents of all children in classes where we learn of a confirmed positive case. This text alert does not necessarily mean your child has come into close contact with the confirmed case in the class as they may not sit, mix or play with the child concerned.

**If you receive a text, your child should continue to attend school unless they develop symptoms, at which point you should follow the most up to date government guidance on testing and isolation.**

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Joe Emissah  
Deputy Head

### Latest government guidance

Close contacts in schools continue to be identified by NHS Test and Trace and education settings are no longer expected to undertake contact tracing.



As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case and/or their parent to identify close contacts. Contacts from a school setting will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case or their parent specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact. This is likely to be a small number of individuals who would be most at risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of the close contact. Schools may be contacted in exceptional cases to help with identifying close contacts, as currently happens in managing other infectious diseases.

*All children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 are strongly advised to take a LFD test every day for 7 days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result.*

Further information is available [here](#)

