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Dear Parent / Carer

As you may be aware, information around isolation and testing for Omicron variant contacts has recently changed to the following:

- If your child is informed by NHS Track and Trace that they are an Omicron contact and has symptoms, then they must isolate, follow national guidance and book a confirmatory PCR.
- If your child is informed by NHS Track and Trace that they are an Omicron contact but is symptom free, then they do not need to isolate providing that they take a daily lateral flow device (LFD) test at home for 7 days and the result is negative. A negative result will allow them to attend College for that day, until their next test. If a daily LFD test is positive then they must isolate, follow national guidance and book a confirmatory PCR.

Please note: if your child is unable to test or prove a test result, please contact your child's Head of Year to discuss the matter further.

Your child's results

In order to support all members of our community, we ask that you upload all tests results to both the national results service (<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>) and with us here at Midhurst Rother College ([MRC Results Form](#)). Sharing your child's result via our results form will help to keep us updated as to rates of infection and allow us to respond to people's needs quickly, without overwhelming email inboxes and phonelines. We will check this service daily to ensure that we are aware of testing outcomes and to make contact with individuals as necessary.

In addition to this, we would ask that if your child tests positive for COVID-19, or is identified as an Omicron contact, that this information is emailed to: covid@mrc-academy.org. Again, this will help us expedite contact with individuals and families.

Further information is available in [NHS Test and Trace: What to do if you are contacted](#) and in the [stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#).

Lastly, I would strongly advise that twice weekly home testing continues throughout the holiday period and that results are uploaded using the links above. We will distribute further test kits at the beginning of January when our next order arrives.

Once more, thank you for your support in helping to keep your children and the wider members of the College community safe.

Yours sincerely

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