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Public Health Updated Advice

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Over the weekend, Public Health advice changed slightly regarding schools and positive cases in your home.

If your child displays symptoms.

- If your child displays symptoms, they must be kept at home and a PCR test is booked.
- If they are negative they may return to school. If positive, they must isolate for 10 days at home.
- You should advise the school if your child has tested positive.

If someone in your household tests positive.

- If someone in your household tests positive, **everyone** in the household should book a PCR test as soon as possible and again on the 8th day after their exposure. Anyone who tests positive should then isolate for 10 days.
- Children aged 5-17 who are not vaccinated should isolate at home until they get their results.
They should not be sent to school.
- If the result is negative they can come out of isolation and return to school. **However, please note the new advice:**
- They should continue to take a lateral flow test before going to school **each day** immediately following their initial negative PCR test result up until receipt of a negative day 8 PCR test result.
- Adults who are fully vaccinated do not have to isolate while waiting for results. Adults who are not fully vaccinated should isolate for 10 days, regardless of their test result.

Your support is very much appreciated.

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Principal

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