

14th December 2021

Covid-19 update – Madagascar class (Year 4)

Dear parents and carers,

Unfortunately, a child from Madagascar class has tested positive for Covid-19. Yesterday, school leaders had an email from the Department for Education which confirmed that all contacts of someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 will need to take a lateral flow (rapid) test every day for 7 days. The intention is to slow the spread by identifying people who may be asymptomatic.

“a new national approach to daily testing for contacts of Covid-19 is being introduced (including until the end of this term). All adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified as a contact of someone with Covid-19 – whether Omicron or not – should take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating.”

With this in mind, we are asking that all children and adults from Madagascar class take a lateral flow test every day for 7 days. All staff and children from Madagascar class should also:

- Report the results through the [Online Reporting System](#) and to their school.
- If they test negative, they can continue to attend school.
- If they test positive, they should self-isolate and order a PCR test to confirm the result. If the PCR is positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days. If the PCR test is negative, they no longer need to self-isolate but should continue to carry out the remainder of the daily tests, and only need to isolate if it is positive.

We are hoping that this will remain as an isolated case, but we appreciate your efforts to look after the whole school community by testing your child daily.

Kind regards,

Mrs G.Sherwin

Head of School

