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Dear Families,

## **COVID UPDATE**

I write to update you on the new Covid 19 Government guidance and what this means for our school community.

From Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be temporarily suspended. This means that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately but <u>will not</u> be required to take a PCR test.

This means that from today, we will now inform close contacts of anyone who tests positive on a lateral flow device.

In the meantime, please be assured that we continue to implement control measures to keep our children and staff safe including staggered lunchtimes, no whole school assemblies, ventilation in all classrooms and regular hand washing and sanitising.

Now that PCR tests are no longer a requirement, the best advice that I can give to you all is to continue to test on a regular basis using an LFD and please continue to keep yourselves safe by taking extra precautions. The good news is that Covid cases in Lambeth have decreased this week. However, the number of cases in London remain extremely high so please take extra care.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything in this letter in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact the school office to make an appointment to meet with a senior member of staff.

Yours sincerely,

Jayne Mitchell Executive Headteacher

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