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Updated Guidance Following an Instruction to Self-isolate

Dear Parent/Carer

I am sure that you will have seen in the news the worrying statistics regarding the spread of the "Delta Variant" of coronavirus. It appears that this variant is spread more easily, and very quickly. I have been speaking to Public Health England (PHE) and they have issued additional guidance which I need to share with you.

In recent conversations with them, they have given the following advice; **any pupils (or staff) who need to isolate because they have been identified as a close contact with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus, should book a PCR test for themselves to check whether they have also contracted the virus and are asymptomatic.** The NHS estimates that up to 33% of people infected with coronavirus are asymptomatic and may be spreading the virus without realising. The guidance above is not compulsory, but would seem to be a sensible precaution to take. You can book a coronavirus test by [clicking here](#).

Could I also ask that everyone continues to carry out regular lateral flow tests twice weekly. This testing of pupils, staff and families can help in the early identification of a covid positive individual before they present with symptoms. Early identification minimises the number of people who might otherwise be close contacts, and helps reduce the spread of the virus.

We would like to say thank you for continuing to support the measures which we have put in place to keep our whole school community safe. You can be assured that we continue to follow the latest public health guidance issued to us so that we can keep school as safe as possible for everyone.

Yours faithfully

Mr D Airey
Headteacher

