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Dear Parents

We have been notified by a Squirrel Class parent that their child has tested positive for COVID-19. (PCR Test)
NHS Test and Trace, not schools, are now responsible for contacting the close contacts of positive cases.

The DfE's example definitions of a close contact are as follows:

For schools (all age groups 4-18 years old), this could include:

• a form group or subject class

• a friendship group mixing at breaktimes

• a sports team

• a group in an after-school activity

Confidentiality restrictions only allow us to discuss close contact information with the parent of the child who has tested positive. However, we will continue to keep our school community informed about unnamed positive cases within the school to enable families to make their own decisions regarding visiting or mixing with vulnerable family or friends, testing family members using Lateral Flow Tests, being extra vigilant about for the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 when their child has potentially had contact with an infected peer.

If your child is identified as a close contact the DfE state:

"**Under-18s,** irrespective of their vaccination status and double vaccinated adults **will not** need to self-isolate if they are a close contact of a positive case. They are strongly advised to take a PCR test and, if positive, will then need to isolate for 10 days."

In school we will continue to ensure good hygiene for everyone, by maintaining enhanced cleaning regimes, keeping occupied spaces well ventilated and we will follow public health advice on testing and managing any additional confirmed cases of COVID-19.

Remote Learning can be accessed as usual via Google Classrooms/Tapestry for children isolating at home and if they are well enough.

For further advice and information: https://tinyurl.com/parents-info-covid

We appreciate all your support as we negotiate our way through the next stage of this pandemic.

Thank you.

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