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Dear Parents/Carers

I wish you all a Happy New Year.

The Covid rates within Tamworth have remained high. Staff and children that have contracted Covid over Christmas have been absent for a number of days this week.

It is my ultimate aim for the school to remain open to all children this term. As you will understand with increasing infection rates and staff absences this may become difficult. On line learning is a last resort, and I will do everything I can to keep school open.

The Government has recently changed the guidance to say that if you get a positive lateral flow test you need to isolate for 10 days. If a further test on day 6 and day 7 are negative you can end isolation on day 7. If the results are positive you will need to isolate for the 10 days but you can end isolation after this even if your lateral flow is positive at day 10.

If we have cases within a year group, we will e-mail the relevant years to ask you to do lateral flow tests. If possible please can you do this for seven days. You do not need to go for a PCR as well.

The latest guidance from the Government states that: "From 11 January in England, people who receive positive lateral flow device (LFD) test results for coronavirus (COVID-19) will be required to self-isolate immediately and won't be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

This is a temporary measure while COVID-19 rates remain high across the UK. Whilst levels of COVID-19 are high, the vast majority of people with positive LFD results can be confident that they have COVID-19.

Lateral flow tests are taken by people who do not have COVID-19 symptoms. Anyone who develops 1 of the 3 main COVID-19 symptoms should stay at home and self-isolate and take a PCR test. They must self-isolate if they get a positive test result, even if they have had a recent negative lateral flow test – these rules have not changed.

Under this new approach, anyone who receives a positive LFD test result should **report their result on GOV.UK** and must self-isolate immediately but will not need to take a follow-up PCR test."

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'LRBridge'.

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