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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and a happy new year to everyone. As we start another term, I am writing to update you with regards to the measures we are taking in school to deal with the current covid situation. You will be aware that we, like many other schools, experienced an increase in the number of children and staff testing positive for coronavirus towards the end of last term and this had a significant impact on provision across the school. Following a meeting with the Local Authority yesterday I can confirm that we will continue to follow and implement all of the revised guidance as outlined below. Case numbers are monitored on a regular basis and if there is a significant increase there is a clear process for us to follow in order to access additional advice and support which may involve further steps being implemented.

Cleaning and Hygiene	<p>We are maintaining hygiene control measures which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cleaning hands thoroughly and regularly throughout the day. - Ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach. - Maintaining enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces, throughout the day. - Ensuring spaces are well ventilated and this is supported by CO2 monitored in classrooms. - If any child shows symptoms, we will contact parents immediately. We will also refuse access to children who we suspect of having covid, asking parents to arrange a PCR test.
Testing	<p>If children display any of the key symptoms listed below then a PCR test should be booked online. A PCR test for close contacts can be booked by visiting https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new continuous cough and/or • high temperature and/or • a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia). <p>Please take note of the revised flowchart which is included with this letter.</p>
Lunches	<p>We will continue to offer a full hot menu and the children will eat in the KS2 Dining Hall but with a change in arrangements. They can also bring in packed lunches.</p> <p>Children in KS1 will eat together. Children in Y3/Y4 will eat together. Children in Y5/Y6 will eat together</p>
Playtimes and Lunchtimes	<p>These are taking place as usual. There are separate playtimes in the mornings for Y1/Y2, Y3/Y4 and Y5/Y6. KS1 and Reception are together at lunchtime and so are KS2. However, the children are outside where any risk is much reduced.</p>
Visitors	<p>We are limiting the number of visitors coming into school and are not planning to hold parent events at this time. This means that Parent Consultations will be held virtually again (using the Parents Evening System).</p>
Clubs	<p>There will not be any clubs before half term but we will review this provision over the next few weeks.</p>

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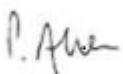
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Start and end of the day	<p>If needed we will re-introduce the staggered start times we had in place last year but at the moment current arrangements will apply. These are:</p> <p>8.35/8.40am Gates open 8.45am Doors open 8.55am Doors close as school starts and Registers open (after this point children must come in via the main office) The gates will remain open until 9.00am</p> <p>3.05pm Reception finish 3.10pm KS1 finish 3.15pm Y3/Y4 finish 3.20pm Y5/Y6 finish</p>
Face Coverings	All visitors/parents/carers coming into school are required to wear a face covering. We are also asking for face coverings to be worn at the start and end of the school when dropping off/collecting children unless there is a medical exemption.
Assemblies	These will continue to be virtual.
Uniform	<p>The children should wear their PE kits to school on PE days and on all other days are to wear school uniform Please be prepared for all weathers.</p> <p>As windows will be open please ensure that the children come suitably dressed.</p>
Remote Learning	Only those children who are officially isolating because of a positive PCR are entitled to be provided with remote learning and further information is available on the website. Staff are updating provision on a weekly basis.
Attendance	<p>All children should attend school as normal if they are well enough and not isolating. We understand that this may cause some concern and we will continue to work with families regarding any attendance concerns - please talk to us if you have questions.</p> <p>The usual rules on school attendance apply, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parents' duty to secure that their child attends regularly at school. - Schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence. - The availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct. This will be reviewed regularly by Governors. <p>Please keep your child at home if they are unwell or show signs of COVID. If someone in your house tests positive, please inform us immediately.</p> <p>If a child becomes unwell or shows any symptoms of COVID-19 we will contact parents/carers immediately. We will then expect the process for booking a test to be followed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please continue to inform the school each day by phoning or emailing pupilabsence@brampton.cambs.sch.uk . Please use this address if your child becomes unwell and needs a test at a weekend.</p>
Action to take in the case of an outbreak	A support meeting will be held with Public Health and the Local Authority to determine what other measures may be appropriate. This may mean that certain classes or year groups are 'ring-fenced' for short periods of time, either in school or at home, and an increase in testing.

Our priorities are to ensure that everyone stays safe and well and to maintain face-to-face teaching in school but it would be worth having a contingency plan ready in case any classes have to close at short notice.

Thank you for your support and please continue to help us to keep everyone in our community safe.

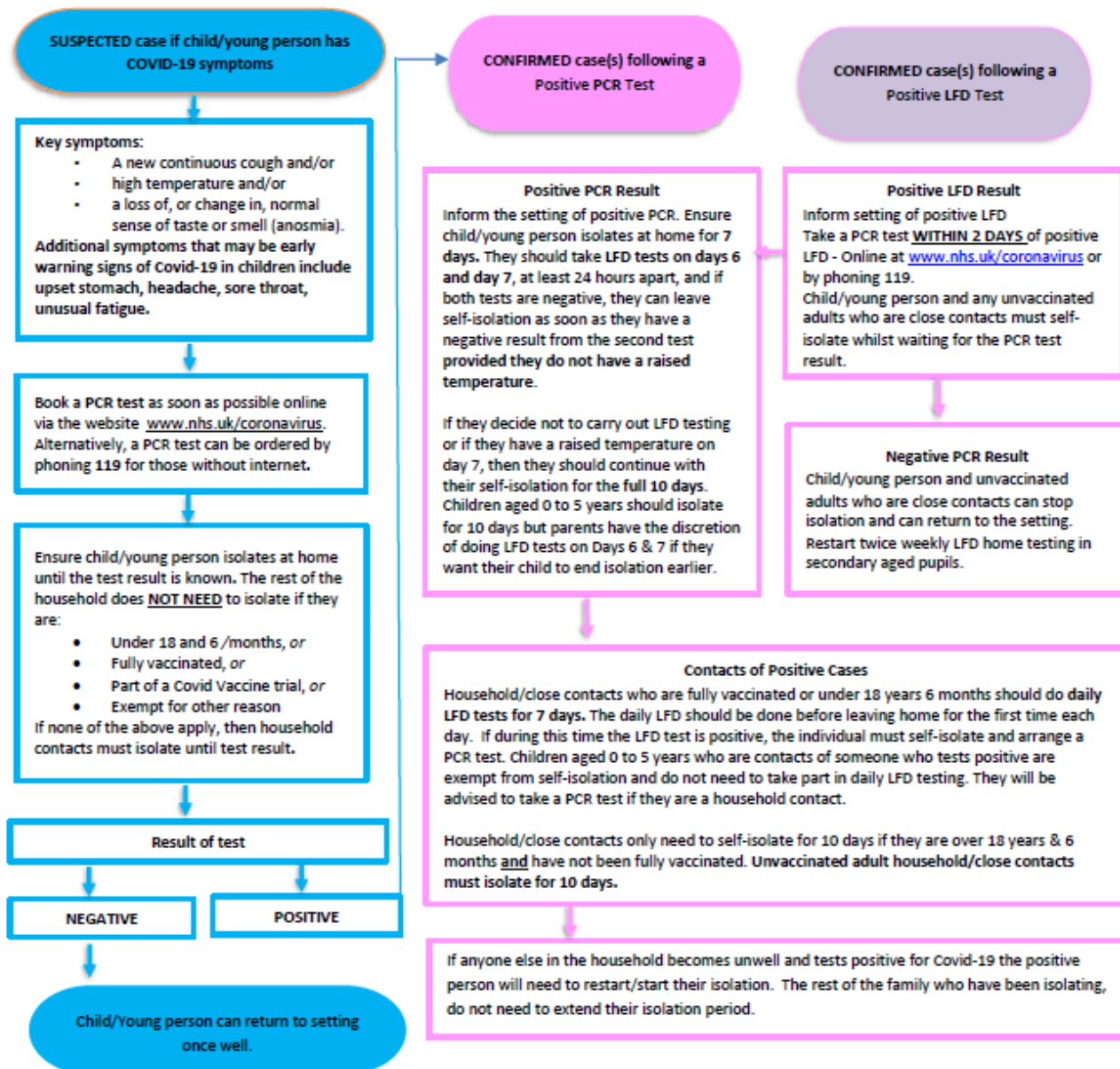
Yours sincerely,



Mr Peter Allen
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COVID-19 Guidance for Parents/Carers from 23rd December 2021

For any SUSPECTED or CONFIRMED case of COVID-19 in a child/young person please follow the flow chart below



- With the emergence of the highly transmissible Omicron Variant, we continue to ask families/children to wash hands regularly, keep spaces well ventilated, wear face coverings (if aged 11 and over) in crowded public indoor areas, maintain distance, get vaccinated and take LFD tests prior to meeting people outside your household.
- Face coverings are to be worn by everyone over the age of 11yrs unless exempt on transport to and from educational settings.
- LFD test = Lateral Flow Device tests are rapid tests that can be used at home and the result is available within 30 minutes.
- PCR test = polymerase chain reaction test that can be booked online and is sent to a lab for the result.
- If you have previously received a positive Covid-19 PCR test result within the last 90 days and you are identified as a contact of someone with Covid-19 you should not take a PCR test. You should only take a PCR test if you develop any NEW symptoms of Covid-19 or if you have a positive LFD test result, or if you are required to take a PCR test upon entry into the UK.
- LFD tests are used for identifying Covid-19 infection where there are no symptoms. If you have symptoms always book a PCR test.
- LFD tests are safe to use in pregnancy. They are not recommended for children under 5 years of age but can be used at parent/guardian discretion.
- If you have had a Covid-19 vaccination you should still take part in the LFD testing as you may still transmit the virus.
- If you have had a recent nosebleed, or have a nose piercing, use the other nostril to swab for the LFD test. Always follow the instructions on the pack as there are different types of LFD tests.