



**ST CHARLES'**  
VC ACADEMY

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to let you know there has been a confirmed case of Covid 19 within the school community, and your child may have had close contact with them during their infectious period.

Children who are close contacts of someone with Covid 19 do not need to isolate unless they develop symptoms or test positive themselves. Contacts aged 5 and over are advised to take daily lateral flow tests for 7 days, because they are at a higher risk of developing Covid 19 in the days after the contact. If your child can't tolerate the daily LFT testing they can still come to school, but if you can manage it, please do, as it helps to keep our school community safe.

Your child should continue to attend school unless they test positive, develop symptoms of Covid 19 or are unwell. If they do develop symptoms but haven't had a positive LFT result, please keep your child at home and book a PCR test for them. If they have had a positive LFT result, they don't need to take a PCR test as well, but please let school know and register the LFT result at <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> or by calling 119.

The 3 main Covid symptoms remain a temperature or 37.8 deg or higher; a new continuous cough; a change to or loss of taste and smell. However, the most commonly reported symptoms include headache, sore throat, tiredness, and cold-like symptoms, so please be aware of these as well and seek testing if you are in any doubt.

Thank you for your support

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