Leicestershire
County Council

6th December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

In line with Government guidance, Leicestershire County Council Public Health Team has requested you take your child to have a **PCR test** because your child has been identified as a close contact of a positive case of coronavirus. All close contacts of cases, age 4 or over, are being asked to have a **PCR test** in order to try and reduce the spread of the virus. A PCR test can be booked at https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test, or by calling 119.

If your child is well and has no COVID-19 symptoms they do not need to self-isolate.

In addition, we request that your child does LFD tests daily for 7 days after their contact with a COVID-19 case. Positive LFDs should always be followed up by a PCR test for confirmation of the result. Information on where to get LFD test kits is available here**:**

- https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests.

- If the result is positive, they should follow the self-isolation guidance available at www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment. Anyone with a positive COVID-19 test must not leave home for 10 days: do not go to school or leave the house for non-emergency reasons.

If your child has had a positive PCR test within the last 90 days, they do not need to be re-tested and should continue to attend school unless they have new COVID-19 symptoms. Children under 4 do not need to take a PCR test unless they have symptoms.

Thank you very much for your support. Taking a COVID test is very important to help control this virus.

With best wishes

Public Health