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Dear Parent/Carer

As a result of recent press articles about LFD and PCR testing in the South West, we have received communication from a number of parents and carers regarding uncertainty as to how to respond. There is clearly some unease and we have relayed this to Public Health England today.

The Secretary of State for Education has issued a letter today which you can access [here](#).

### What to do if your child receives a positive LFD result?

Please continue to test your child twice a week. If they receive a positive LFD result book in for a PCR test.

What if the PCR test is negative?

- If your child has a positive LFD test, are displaying no Covid symptoms, and have a negative PCR test they can return to school
- If they have any symptoms, a positive LFD but a negative PCR test please self-isolate until we have received further guidance about this situation in the South West

### Return of Masks in Communal Areas

As we monitor the number of cases in the school increases, we have decided that it would be appropriate for students and staff to now wear masks in communal areas within the school. This will be with effect from tomorrow.

We will also be introducing additional cleaning equipment into each classroom to support the cleanliness of surfaces from lesson to lesson.

These amendments to our arrangements in school, along with routine testing, will support us as we balance a return to a full school experience with managing the potential for the transmission of Covid-19.

As ever we are seeking clarification and support from Public Health England and will keep you updated with any further measures in school.

Take Care

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