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*'Living in the LIGHT of Christ'
'I am the Light' John 8:12*



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URGENT UPDATE

Second Letter Class 1 and Class 2

Dear Parent/ Carer,

This morning, I have had a telephone consultation with a Public Health Advisor, who advises schools when a positive case of COVID19 Omicron variant is reported.

I can now confirm the following:

- We have a confirmed case of the Omicron variant.
- All contacts of the Omicron variant **must isolate for 10 days, even if their PCR test result comes back negative.**
- Isolation starts from the last contact with the variant. The last contact was Thursday 9th December. This means all children in Class 1 and 2 must isolate until midnight on the 19th December.
- Isolating contacts must not leave their house, and must not come into contact with anyone other than their household family.
- It is advised to take daily Lateral Flow Tests.
- Please ensure you book a PCR test for your child if you have not done so already.

I have received an email from a parent stating Test and Trace call handlers are giving conflicting advice. I have been assured by the Public Health Advisor that the call handlers should be instructing contacts of Omicron to isolate as instructed above. Please ensure you follow the above advice.

As mentioned in my initial letter yesterday, your child's class teacher will be setting work, and providing online lessons. Please ensure your child engages in this work and accesses any virtual teaching set. If anyone needs any help or support please get in touch. Teaching Assistants will be providing 1-1 online phonics tuition and they will contact you with a link and time so that your child can receive 1-1 tuition from a trained member of staff.

May I take the opportunity to thank you for your support with this matter, and thank you for your kind emails of concern for the member of staff. The member of staff who is infected is in good spirits and has mild symptoms. We pray for a speedy recovery.

If I do not speak to you before, have a wonderful Christmas and please stay safe, especially with this new variant around.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Rooney

Headteacher