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*'Living in the LIGHT of Christ'*

*'I am the Light' John 8:12*

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021



# URGENT UPDATE

## Third Letter Class 1 and Class 2

Dear Parent/ Carer,

This morning, I have had a telephone meeting with the Director of Public Health from Lancashire County Council.

The Director explained that the advice I was provided with over the weekend, from the Public Health Advisor, was good and proper advice based on government guidance at that time.

I expressed my concerns to the Director, regarding conflicting advice from Test and Trace. He explained that their text messages are automated, and that this will need looking into. He will be speaking to the senior team at Test and Trace to address this issue, and apologised for any confusion.

The Director also explained that the government guidance changes from today:

- From Tuesday 14 December, people who are **fully vaccinated and identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 – whether Omicron or not should take an NHS rapid lateral flow test every day for 7 days to help slow the spread of COVID-19.**
- The aim is to reduce pressures on people's everyday lives by **replacing the requirement for Omicron contacts to isolate for 10 days**, while protecting the public by identifying asymptomatic cases and stopping the chains of transmission. Testing daily will also help us understand how and where the virus is spreading.

As a result of this updated guidance and the confusion in messages, children will be allowed to return to school from **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**. I appreciate this change in guidance may come as a surprise and is frustrating, and I know many of you have made arrangements with work. I can only apologise for this. As Headteacher, I will always take decisions in the best interests of the children, inline with the guidance and the advice I am provided.

If your child has a negative result, please bring them into school tomorrow. We have rearranged Class 1 and Class 2's Christmas party for tomorrow afternoon so they are welcome to attend school in their Christmas clothes. May I take the opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for your support and understanding with this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Rooney

Headteacher