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Dear Parent/carer,

COVID Updates

Following the Government announcement that the Covid19 alert level has been increased from level 3 to level 4, there are some important changes which will affect schools from today.

- All adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 – whether Omicron or not – should take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating. Daily testing by close contacts will help to slow the spread of COVID-19. Therefore, if a household contact has COVID 19, your child will need to take a LFD test before they come into school each day. If they test negative, they can continue to attend school.
- Any child who tests positive on a LFD, must then get a confirmatory PCR test and those results need to be emailed into school at thornhill@durhamlearning.net
- Children under five years old do not need to take part in daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 and do not need to isolate.
- Children with any of the 3 symptoms (high temperature, a new continuous cough or a loss or change to smell or taste) must not come to school and will require a PCR test.

We will continue to work with parents/carers to ensure we follow the guidance and keep our children, families and staff as safe as possible. If you are unsure about what to do, please contact school and we are always happy to help.

In light of the new Omicron variant, we are also checking that all children have access to a device should there be any new announcements over the Christmas holidays regarding remote learning. Could you please return the slip below so we can update our records and ensure all children have access to devices and the internet.

Kind regards,

Miss S Overfield

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Name _____ Year _____

- ☐ I do require a device for remote learning.
- ☐ I do not require a device for remote learning.

I do / do not have internet connection.