



Issue 4

# Head's Update

Keeping you informed: Miss Kaur—Headteacher

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## COVID-19 UPDATE

Following on from my communication about self-isolation period changes and daily testing for close contacts, please also be aware of the following:

Confirmatory PCR testing following a positive result on a lateral flow device (LFD) will be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11 January. This means that for all education and childcare settings, staff and students who have tested (either at home or through ATS) and reported a positive LFD result will no longer be advised to get a confirmatory PCR test.

This change is informed by public health advice. With high COVID-19 rates, the risk of a positive LFD result being false is very small. The DfE therefore do not need to ask people to do a confirmatory PCR unless they:

- **have symptoms** (in which case they need to follow the stay at home guidance, self-isolate and **order a PCR test**)
- wish to claim the Test and Trace Support Payment
- have been advised to take a PCR test because they are in a clinically vulnerable group
- have been advised to do so as part of a research or surveillance programme

Many thanks for your continued cooperation with this matter.

Kind regards

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