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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to let you know there has been more confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the school community over the weekend.

*Whilst schools are no longer required to undertake detailed contact tracing for cases of COVID-19 (unless in very exceptional circumstances), following discussion with the North Yorkshire Public Health team this morning, we have been advised that, unless you have already done so, children in **Class 2** are recommended to have a PCR test as it is likely that they have been in close contact with a positive case.*

We have had positive cases where the children have displayed no symptoms at all so we would recommend regular lateral flow testing at home for **all** pupils if possible, to help identify any asymptomatic cases.

Anyone who has tested positive on a PCR test in the last 90 days is not required to have a further PCR test unless they develop new symptoms. However, they should continue with regular lateral flow testing

PCR tests can be accessed via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. It may be easier to request a home testing kit where available. They do not need to isolate while they wait for the result, unless they have symptoms.

Test and Trace may be in touch with you in the coming days if your child is directly identified as a close contact by the case, but as a school we will not pass personal contact details on to the cases to share with Test and Trace.

The 3 main symptoms of COVID-19 remain a fever (temperature 37.8°C or higher), a new continuous cough, or a change to/loss of taste or smell. However, other commonly reported symptoms of the Delta variant include headache, sore throat, tiredness, and cold-like symptoms, so please be aware of these as well and stay at home and seek further testing if you are in any doubt.

I would be grateful if you could please email headteacher@gfschools.co.uk once you have received the PCR result.

Kind regards,
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