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Dear Parent/Carer

Unfortunately, a child at Halwill School in Class 2 has tested positive for COVID-19 using a Lateral Flow Test. The child had been in school last week, however, children below 18 years and 6 months and fully vaccinated adults are not required to isolate, so the positive COVID case does not affect them.

However, I do advise you to regularly monitor the health of your child **and please undertake regular LFD tests** whether they show symptoms or not.

Here is a reminder of the changes we are implementing based on updated Government guidance:

- If your child tests positive with COVID-19, It is now possible to end self-isolation after 7 days, following 2 negative rapid Lateral Flow Device (LFD) taken 24 hours apart. The first LFD test should not be taken before the sixth day. Please inform the school office if your child is positive and forward a copy of your child's PCR test result.
- If someone your child lives with is positive for COVID-19, please can they do daily rapid LFD tests (1 a day for 7 days). According to Government advice, they are able to attend school but please do inform the school office if someone in your child's home is positive and ensure that the person who brings them to school is COVID negative.
- Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be temporarily suspended **from Tuesday 11 January**. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test

If you are struggling to obtain LFD tests, please ask the school office and we can provide these.

Our best wishes go to the child and family; we hope for a speedy recovery. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me via the Ashwater or Halwill school offices.  
Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Ruh Alford  
Executive Headteacher

