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Dear Parents/Carers

### **Covid 19 update**

Lateral Flow tests: as far as we are aware there are currently no circumstances where you should be doing Lateral Flow Tests on primary aged children. If they are displaying symptoms of Covid (which includes the wider range of symptoms if there is a confirmed case in school), then they should isolate, along with the rest of the family, and be booked in for a PCR test as soon as possible. Although LF Tests are accurate if positive, they offer no reassurance if negative as they do not give reliable negative results.

We are aware of a number of positive cases in the wider Wigton school community, but there are currently no confirmed cases in Wigton Infant School (the only recent case was absent from school at the time), so it is crucial that we continue to be vigilant and careful at this time. This also means that we are only asking families to isolate and get a PCR test if they have one of the three standard symptoms (taste/smell, continuous cough, high temperature), but if your child has one of the wider range of symptoms and has contacts with children from other schools, then it may be wise to give school a ring to discuss your individual case. Remember that if another member of their household is displaying symptoms then your child will need to isolate, but they do not need to isolate if a sibling is isolating because the sibling has been identified as a possible contact.

If we identify a positive case in school then this guidance will change slightly.

Don't forget to check on the front page of our website for a simplified version of the guidance if you are unsure.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all for following the precautions that we have put in place in school, particularly distancing, following the one-way system and mask wearing. I know that the staggered start times are not always convenient, but they have been really effective in enabling proper social distancing at the start and end of the day. Please also remember to keep following the lockdown rules in everything that you do outside of school so that we can reduce social mixing and infection to a minimum.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

