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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have just received a letter from South Tyneside Council with the following advice:

"Thank you for your continued support throughout 2021 and all your efforts to keep children in education by following government advice and responding quickly to outbreaks.

Like you, we are looking forward to the Christmas break but because of the new variant we are asking everyone to carry on being cautious. There has been lots of guidance recently and we wanted to take this opportunity to highlight some of the main points and let you know that contact tracing for Omicron is now being managed in the same way as it is for Delta.

As from Tuesday this week, all children and young people aged between 5 to 18 Years and 6 months who are identified as a close contact of someone with Covid-19, are strongly advised to take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days and continue to attend their setting, unless they have a positive test result.

However, in an outbreak situation we are still asking that you send out the letter to those in the class/cluster and advise them to get a PCR test. Please be aware that this may change after the holidays but once we have further information, we will write to you with any further updates."

Yours sincerely

Mr P Craig  
Headteacher



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