

25<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Families,

Alongside the announced changes to national restrictions, Wakefield Local Authority have also updated their guidance to schools in respect of household cases of Covid-19. In a letter from Anna Hartley the Director of Public Health for Wakefield and Vicky Schofield the Acting Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services, they have clarified the following:

***“Change to advice where there is a positive case in the household”***

*We are now advising, in line with national guidance, that where a pupil's parent or sibling has tested positive, the child **may attend school if they are well themselves**. We would **strongly advise** 7 days of daily lateral flow tests for any household contacts attending school. If a household contact develops symptoms then they must stay at home and take a PCR test.”*

This therefore replaces the previous position where children were asked to remain at home for 3-5 days following a close contact within the home.

**This position is effective from yesterday (Monday 24th January 2022) and therefore any children currently at home due to a household member being positive can now return to school.**

Should you have any questions regarding your current circumstances, please do not hesitate to contact the academy.

Yours faithfully,



Lindsey Corbett  
Principal