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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Following my letter on Friday, I am writing to update you further over the latest amount of confirmed cases in the school. Since my last communication, we have had a further six cases confirmed by PCR and one where a child has tested positive on a lateral flow, but not on a PCR and we are awaiting the second confirmatory PCR result. Four of these cases have been in Middle School, however three cases have now been reported in Lower School. There has now been a case attributed to all three Lower School classes.

Thank you to all the families that have provided feedback on symptoms when their child has tested positive. As I mentioned on Friday, it is not always a cough, high temperature and loss of taste/ smell. Some children have reported temperatures, but able to get on with everyday business whilst some of the children testing positive have also been asymptomatic. There have also been reports of headaches, tiredness/malaise and upset stomachs that have later indicated positive results.

We all want Covid out of Aldryngton and our community. On Friday, I requested all families in Middle School to obtain a PCR test for their child and if possible, to keep your child off until a negative PCR result has returned. **Today due to the rapid increase in cases reported in Lower School (five cases in under a week), I am requesting the same for children in Lower School. I understand that this is going to put a lot of families in a difficult position, however we would be extremely grateful for your support in our efforts to control the spread of the virus. Wokingham have advised the school that this step is required to reduce the risk of a further spike of cases in this area of the school. You can book a PCR test as a close contact by using the link below:**

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/reason>. The page title is "Why are you asking for a test?". Below the title, there is a question: "If you are getting a test for someone you live with, answer for them". There are five radio button options:

- I've been in contact with someone who's tested positive for coronavirus
- Contact tracers told me to get a test
- The contact tracing app told me to get a test (the NHS COVID-19, Protect Scotland or StopCOVID NI app)
- I found out in another way that I'm a contact (England, Wales and Scotland only)
- I was asked to get a test because I visited a venue where others have since tested positive
- I've been told to get a test by my nursery, work or place of education

I know that some families had difficulty in finding the correct option to book a PCR test as a close contact, so please see the screen shot below, to support families making the correct option to book a PCR test.

Yours sincerely

Headteacher

