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Dear Parent/Carer

Headteacher Mrs K Kerry

## Contact Tracing

Today we have reached the fourth step of the Covid-19 roadmap. As a result of this there are changes to the process if there are confirmed cases of Covid-19 in school. Any new cases that are confirmed by NHS dated today and in the future, the academy will no longer contact trace and send students home to isolate- this will now be the responsibility of the NHS.

The academy will not contact students (or the parents of students) who are required to isolate as a close contact.

From today, parents should contact the attendance team for a child's absence due to Covid-19 in the same way they would for any other absence due to illness. The excerpt below is taken from Step 4 update - what parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)).

"From Step 4, nurseries, schools and colleges will no longer be expected to trace close contacts. As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case to identify close contacts. This is likely to be a small number of individuals who would be most at risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of the close contact. As parents or carers, you may be contacted to help with identifying close contacts.

From 16 August 2021, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case. Instead, children will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

18-year-olds will be treated in the same way as children until 4 months after their 18th birthday, to allow them the opportunity to get fully vaccinated. At which point, they will be subject to the same rules as adults and so if they choose not to get vaccinated, they will need to self-isolate if identified as a close contact.

If there is an outbreak in your nursery, school, or college, or if your nursery, school, or college is in an enhanced response area, you might be advised that some control measures need to be temporarily reintroduced."

This also means that there will no longer be the need for parents to report Covid-19 cases to the academy using the [covidreporting@themanor.notts.sch.uk](mailto:covidreporting@themanor.notts.sch.uk) email address during the first 6 days of the summer holidays.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

