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## **COVID19 Procedures Clarification**

Dear Parents/Carers

I am sure that by now you have seen the new guidance around self-isolation. I wanted to; as I have on the previous 742 guidance updates from the Government, clarify our procedures and expectations. We have had a number of both symptomatic and asymptomatic cases since we returned so please make sure you are supporting us by following the guidance and not sending your children into school if they have any symptoms without checking using a LFD test first.

People who are self-isolating with COVID-19 now have the option to reduce their isolation period after five full days if they test negative with an LFD test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either test is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from **two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.**

For instance, if an individual is positive on day 5, then a negative test is required on both day 6 and day 7 to release from self-isolation, or positive on day 6, then a negative test is required on days 7 and 8, and so on until the end of day 10.

The new rules also apply to people who were already isolating – so if someone was already isolating before Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January, they can take LFD tests on day 5 and 6 and if they are both negative and they have no temperature they can end their isolation.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.

Further [information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19](#) is available.

### **Daily testing for close contacts of COVID-19**

People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, **identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19**, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, **unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.** Please report the results through the [Online Reporting System](#). If the test is positive, they follow the timeline previously stated.

Children under 5 are not being advised to take part in daily testing of close contacts. If a child under 5 is a contact of a confirmed case, they are not required to self-isolate and should not start daily testing. If they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 they should limit their contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19.



Daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 will help protect schools by reducing transmission and will also help keep pupils in face-to-face education.

For primary aged children [LFD test kits are available through the usual routes](#) (community test sites, local pharmacies or online).

I hope that this gives you all a clear understanding of the updated procedures that we are continuing to work with. We are doing our best to keep school open for face-to-face learning but that will prove more challenging should positive cases rise within the staff due to a lack of supply or temporary staff to ensure safe staff to pupil ratios.

You can support us by remaining vigilant and not sending your children into school whilst displaying any symptoms:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

### Face Coverings

I am happy for children to continue to wear face coverings if you as parents feel safer by them doing so. All staff will continue wearing them in communal areas. However, the responsibility in making sure that the children know not to fiddle with or play around with them during lessons and learning time still rests with the parents choosing to send their children in with face coverings. The staff will remind them once and then if any distraction continues they will ask the child to remove the face covering. The nature of some learning sessions will mean the children cannot wear them for that particular session.

Many thanks for your continued understanding and support.

Kind regards



Mr D Spong  
**Headteacher**

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"If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward." – **Martin Luther King Jr**

