

12th January 2022

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to inform you that there has been a significant increase in positive cases of COVID-19 in school. We have had to carefully consider shutting a class down today, but were able to avoid this.

If you are informed that your child has been a close contact of someone who has tested positive, we would **strongly recommend** that your child takes a lateral flow test every day to try to prevent the spread of COVID, if at all possible. Our school staff are doing this diligently. If you need additional lateral flow tests, please let us know.

The advice for people who have a positive LFD test result has changed. They are no longer required to have a follow-up PCR test.

However, having been a close contact, **if your child is displaying recognised symptoms of COVID-19**, then they should immediately self-isolate, and get a PCR test as soon as possible.

Government advice is "If you are aged 5 years and over and have been identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19, but are not legally required to self-isolate, you are strongly advised to take an LFD test every day for 7 days, or until 10 days since your last contact with the person who tested positive for COVID-19 if this is earlier. Take this daily test before you leave the household for the first time that day.

If you take an LFD test and the result is positive, you should immediately self-isolate to prevent you from passing the infection on to other people. You should start a new self-isolation period, starting from the date the positive test was taken."

The full guidance is here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person>

We are continuing to encourage everyone in school to practise good hand and respiratory hygiene, including washing hands thoroughly and frequently, cleaning surfaces and equipment regularly, covering mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, disposing of tissues hygienically, ensuring rooms are well ventilated and school staff are testing regularly to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Thank you for your continued support,



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