



Tuesday 18th January 2022

Dear parents/ carers,

To update you, this morning we have 1 member of staff and 0 pupils absent due to Covid-19 - either with a positive LFD or a positive PCR test. The member of staff is self-isolating at home as per guidance.

As we all know, the government guidance is changing weekly and the latest update states - [Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19](#)

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (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 of their tests 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.

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.

All staff in today are now testing daily on a lateral flow test and taking all the necessary safety measures in school:

- Windows and doors will be open to increase ventilation
- Masks to be worn by staff
- Any planned events such as school trips will be looked at on a case by case basis
- Visitors to school will be 'essential only'; meetings will be virtual

Please be reassured that we are doing everything we can to ensure the safety of both staff and children and we will continue to communicate with you regularly.

Kind regards,

Mrs Petersen (Principal)