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Dear Parent/Carer

Covid-19 Testing Update

Further to our Parentmails of 5th and 6th January, the Government guidelines with regard to testing for Covid-19 have changed. Details of the current requirements are as follows:

From 11 January in England, people who receive a positive lateral flow (LFD) test result for coronavirus (COVID-19) will be required to self-isolate immediately and won't be required to take a confirmatory PCR test. This is a temporary measure while COVID-19 rates remain high across the UK. Whilst levels of COVID-19 are high, the vast majority of people with positive LFD results can be confident that they have COVID-19.

Lateral flow tests are taken by people who do not have COVID-19 symptoms. Anyone who develops 1 of the 3 main COVID-19 symptoms should stay at home and self-isolate and take a PCR test. They must self-isolate if they get a positive test result, even if they have had a recent negative lateral flow test - these rules have not changed.

Under this new approach, anyone who receives a positive LFD test result should report their test result at <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> and must self-isolate immediately but will not need to take a follow-up PCR test. After reporting a positive LFD test result, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace so that their contacts can be traced and must continue to self-isolate.

As set out in the Parentmail of 6th January, anyone who has tested positive for Covid-19 may now take lateral flow tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. **Please note that the day on which symptoms began (or the test was taken if no symptoms) is day 0.** Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. If both these test results are negative, and your child does not have a high temperature, they may end their self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to school.

Your child should not return to school if either of the tests is positive, or if they have a high temperature. In this event they should continue to self-isolate.





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Your child may finish self-isolation once they have two negative lateral flow test results on two consecutive days, from day 6 onwards of their self-isolation (and do not have a high temperature), or after completing 10 days of self-isolation.

Days		
0		Symptoms begin or test taken
1		Begin counting self-isolation days
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		Begin home testing
7		Self isolation can end with two negative lateral flow tests taken at least 24 hours apart, provided you do not have a high temperature
8		
9		
10		Isolating ends - no test required

In order to help prevent the spread of Covid-19 in school, we will from now inform parents/carers if there is a positive PCR or LFD test result within their child's class. In this instance, we ask that you endeavour to test your child daily with a LFD test for the following seven days, as this will help minimise the possibility of the virus spreading. Your child should continue to attend school as normal unless they have a positive LFD test result or develop symptoms. Information on accessing LFD tests can be found here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/regular-rapid-coronavirus-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms/>

Please could we ask parents/carers to ensure that they keep the School Office updated of **all** positive LFD and PCR test results.

As always, thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Hughes

Headteacher

