

Tuesday 25th January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have been advised that several members of staff in our school have tested positive for coronavirus. These staff members work in Nursery, Year 4 and the school office.

If you think that you or your child may be a **close contact of this positive COVID case**, (particularly if you visited the school office on Monday or are in one of the named year groups) we would strongly advise that you or your child takes **daily Lateral Flow tests for 7 days from Monday 24th January whilst still attending school** (please note that children who are aged under 5 years old who are identified as a close contact are not advised to take daily LFDs).

If you or your child have no symptoms but has a **positive LFD test**, you/he/she will not be able to attend school and will need to self-isolate in accordance with the [stay at home guidance](#). You will not need a confirmatory PCR test. You/ your child will need to isolate from the date of the positive LFD test plus the next 7 full days. This self-isolation can be reduced if you/your child can take an LFD test from 5 days after the positive LFD test, and a second test 24 hours later. If both results are negative, and you/your child does not have a high temperature, he/she can end isolation after the second negative LFD result.

If you/your child have COVID symptoms they should self-isolate and **get PCR tested** as soon as possible in accordance with the [stay at home guidance](#).

- If the **PCR test is positive**, your child will need to isolate from the date symptoms started, and the next 7 full days. This self-isolation can be reduced as above.
- If the **PCR test is negative**, your child can return to school if they are not unwell but should continue to take the daily lateral flow tests.

Please be reassured that for most people, especially children, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

The main symptoms of coronavirus which are:

- A high temperature
- A new continuous cough
- A loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell

See www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms

Thank you for your support as we work to keep our school safe.

Best wishes,



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