

6 January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Covid-19 Update

I thought it would be useful to clarify what our expectations are with regards to testing and isolation.

We have now completed our assisted onsite testing at the school for the return of our students, which will help in reducing the transmission of Covid-19. Students will be provided with a further supply of home test kits and we are asking the students to continue to test twice weekly prior to coming into school on a Monday and Thursday. This includes if they have tested positive within the last 90 days as there is evidence that you can catch Omicron even if you have previously had Covid-19.

Please report all results to:

Report to NHS:

- <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

Reporting to school:

- <https://forms.office.com/r/FscsjiRiB>

From **Tuesday 11 January** the requirement to obtain a confirmatory PCR test has changed.

If your child is asymptomatic (no symptoms) and receives a positive lateral flow test (LFT) result there is no requirement to obtain a confirmatory PCR test. However, they must isolate for at least 7 days, see below for self-isolation rules.

If your child is displaying Covid symptoms, including if they have had a recent negative LFT, please arrange a PCR test for them. They must isolate until the result is known.

Isolation Period if Positive LFT or PCR:

Isolate for at least 7 days. If at day 6 and day 7 (at least 24 hours between each test) the student obtains negative LFT results and does not have a temperature, they can come out of isolation. Students should limit close contact in crowded or poorly ventilated spaces. If the LFT results are still positive, students can continue to take daily tests until 2 negative results are received.

If 2 negative results are not obtained during the 10-day period, students can come out of isolation after 10 full days from first day of symptoms or the positive result, even though some Covid symptoms may remain ie, cough, loss of taste and/or smell.

Close Contacts

Students will not need to isolate if they are told they are a close contact of someone who has tested positive, but they are strongly advised to take daily LFTs for 7 days.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mr Lamb', written in a cursive style.

Mr Lamb
Headteacher

