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Self-isolation changes

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may have seen on the news, the isolation period has changed again to 'five full days' for adults who are fully vaccinated. Yesterday it was confirmed that this advice would also apply to children in schools. Please see the advice below from the Department for Education (DfE).

'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 setting immediately on day 6.

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.'

As stated above, if your child is self-isolating after a positive COVID-19 test, we would strongly recommend testing them using a lateral flow device during the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6 (24 hours apart). If both are negative and your child does not have a temperature, they can return to school on day 6.

As ever, I will keep you updated on positive cases in classes at school. Mrs Knight, Mrs McDermott and I are happy to continue advising re: days after symptoms and/or positive tests, and also potential return-to-school dates.

Lateral flow tests are available to order online to be sent to your home via: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Yours sincerely,



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