



*'Learning together through love, friendship, forgiveness and faith'*

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support this morning. The Staff and I greatly appreciate your support. The children came in beautifully, showing great independence.

We have had a number of phone calls with families testing positive. Numbers continue to rise. As a school, we continue to monitor what we have in place; to keep classes open, and the children and staff as safe as possible, so that teaching and learning can continue. **Please do keep us up to date with this information. It is very important we are aware of when you or your child/ren test positive.**

Please **wear your masks** on site (unless exempt), to keep all staff and other adults on site safe during pick up. We do have a number of staff and children who are vulnerable. **Please be mindful of each other's personal space.**

Just to clarify, **guidance on self-isolation has also changed**. Individuals who test positive are only required to isolate for 7 days on the condition that they receive **two consecutive negative LFD test results (taken 24 hours apart) on day 6 and day 7 of self-isolation**. Day zero is the day that the individual became symptomatic or is the day of the test in asymptomatic cases. Individuals are advised to continue LFD testing on days 8, 9 and 10. Please refer to the NHS and Government websites for full details. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/>

If the adult at home tests positive, your child/ren will need to do **daily** lateral flow tests (LFT) for **7 days**. If your child/ren get symptoms, they too will then need to self-isolate and continue the daily tests as above.

**From 11<sup>th</sup> January (tomorrow)** if you received a positive lateral flow test, you will be required to self-isolate immediately and won't be required to take a confirmatory PCR test. This is a temporary measure while COVID19 rates remain high across the UK. If you receive a positive LFT result you should report your result on the GOV portal and self-isolate immediately, and follow the guidance above.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/confirmatory-pcr-tests-to-be-temporarily-suspended-for-positive-lateral-flow-test-results>

With kind regards,

Mrs T Ball.

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