

Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have detailed below the measures we are following, in-line with the advice and direction we receive from Warwickshire Education Authority (WEA) and the government's most recent guidance.

### Close Contacts

As you know, if your child has been identified as a close contact (a letter from school) they no longer have to self-isolate or secure a PCR test. Instead, you are advised that they take daily LFD tests for 7 days. As advised by WEA, we are now asking families to keep siblings at home in a bid to try and contain this recent surge.

### Asymptomatic Cases

Anyone who has tested positive on an LFD but does not have symptoms no longer needs to take a PCR test.

### Symptomatic Cases

If your child has symptoms, they will need to self-isolate and secure a PCR test. If they have tested positive on LFD and have symptoms, you should still secure a PCR test for them.

### Self-isolation guidance from 17<sup>th</sup> January

- *People self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative on both day 5 and day 6 and do not have a temperature, from Monday, 17 January*
- *Individuals who are still positive on their rapid lateral flow tests must stay in isolation until they have had 2 consecutive negative tests taken on separate days*

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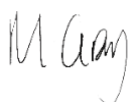
If your child's test remains positive, they can return to school after 10 full days of isolation, assuming they are well.

### Calculating the days

The count begins from day zero – this is either the first day of symptoms or the first day of a positive test.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We will keep you updated of any further changes and if you have any questions, please do get in touch.

Best wishes,



Mary Gray  
Head of School

