



9th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been wonderful to see the students in school for their Lateral Flow Tests. We all look forward to them starting back on site this week.

As a reminder of the Covid-19 protocols, students should not attend school if:

- they feel unwell - they should stay home and monitor symptoms and take a test if these develop
- they have any of the symptoms of COVID 19 - a new cough, temperature, loss of taste/smell
- they have had a positive test for COVID 19 either Lateral Flow or PCR - they should stay at home and self-isolate
- they have been the close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID 19, either Lateral Flow or PCR.
- they have been asked to self-isolate by the NHS
- anyone in their household has had a positive test result for COVID 19.

If students are in school and identified as close contacts of a positive LFT/ PCR test they will need to go home and self-isolate for 10 days (from their last contact with that person).

Later next week, students will be issued with home testing kits and should test themselves twice each week. They should take their test in the evening and not attend school the following day if positive. Sundays are good evenings to conduct a test, plus Wednesday or Thursday, so that tests are three to five days apart.

If a student takes a LF Test at home and then has a PCR Test while self-isolating and this PCR test is subsequently negative, the PCR Test overrules the LFT and they may return to school. This is the PHE advice as the LFT was not undertaken by a trained tester. If the positive LF test was done at school, the student must isolate for 10 days as the test has been processed by a trained tester.

It is very important that your child's Head of Year is contacted before any student returns to school after isolation and that they are informed of any positive test results.

Work has been undertaken outside the reception area and this is currently not accessible to children. Children who need to sign out should do so via their Key Stage Pastoral Office.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher

