

13th January 2022

Dear families,

Re: Further guidance on LFD testing, isolation, and assemblies

In the past few days there have been several changes to guidance on COVID-19 protocol. In the following paragraphs I have summarised some of these changes. Please remember to log any results (positive or negative) on the NHS website.

LFD testing

If a member of a household returns a positive LFD there is no longer a need to book a PCR test. If you return a positive LFD, contact NHS and the school immediately. Even if your child is asymptomatic, you must still let us know because we must log every single positive LFD with the Health Protection Hub so that they can monitor cases and periods of isolation.

Isolation

Positive cases will be told by the NHS to self-isolate for 10 days. However, if your child gets 2 consecutive negative LFDs, at least 24 hrs apart (preferably early morning), on days 6 & 7 at the earliest (but could also be 7 & 8 etc) then they are able to leave isolation and return to school.

If they are still returning positive LFDs by day 10 then guidance states that by this point they can return to school on day 11.

As a school we will be expecting the vast majority of students to return after day 7. If your child is still returning positive LFDs at this point, can you please let our attendance team know via the absence reporting form on our website so that we can log the absence correctly.

Assemblies

The new guidance stipulates that assemblies can now take place within school regardless of year group or size. We will therefore be cautiously returning to assemblies over the next few weeks, whilst continuing to be guided by advice from the Health Protection Hub and Public Health England.

Yours Sincerely,



Ben Morgan
Acting Principal