

18<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear families,

**Re: Updated guidance on isolation period**

In the past few days there have been further changes to guidance on COVID-19 protocol. In the following paragraphs I have summarised these changes.

**My child has tested positive for COVID-19 – how long do they have to stay away from school/college for?**

All people – including pupils, parents and teachers – have to isolate for a minimum of five full days after the day of a positive test before then going back to school if they have tested negative twice.

The first full day of isolation is considered to be the day following the positive test. Following the fifth full day of isolation – on the sixth day – it will be possible for people who have received two negative LFD tests on consecutive days to go back to school.

People who have tested positive can now take two LFD tests on day 5 and day 6, and if both are negative and they do not have a temperature, they can end their self-isolation on day 6 and return to their education setting immediately.

If either test 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.

In practice it means that if a child or teacher tests positive on a Saturday, that would be considered day 0. They could then take tests on the morning of Thursday (day 5) and Friday (day 6). If they tested negative on both days and did not have a temperature, they would be then able to return to school on the Friday.

**What about if someone else in the house has tested positive? Can my child go to school/college?**

Yes. They should continue going to school but test daily. If they test positive, they should isolate.

Yours sincerely,



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