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Latest Covid-19 Isolation Rules

Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19

This change came into effect in England on Monday 17th January and applies to all positive cases, *regardless of vaccination status*.

People who are self-isolating with COVID-19 have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day.

If the result of 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.

The new rules also apply to people who are already isolating – so if someone was already isolating before Monday 17 January, they can take LFD tests on day 5 and 6 and if they are both negative and they have no temperature they can end their isolation.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.

Please be aware that these rules can change very quickly, so if you have any queries please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Census Day – Free School Meals

Tomorrow, 20th January, is the day the government take the spring term census information, which can determine school funding for a number of factors. One factor being that we will receive funding based on how many children take up their free school meal allocation on that day. Please encourage children to have a free school meal tomorrow if they are entitled to one, as the funding considerably helps the school. The menu will be fish fingers and chips especially for the census day, as it often proves the most popular meal each week. We will also have it again on Friday as usual as a special treat!

Polite Reminder

A number of parents have spoken to staff regarding some of the language being heard amongst adults on the yards at the start and the end of the day. Can I please remind you all that we set the example to the children and that our language when in earshot of the children should be appropriate to a primary school setting. Thank you for your cooperation.

Best Wishes,

Mr John Sitch
Headteacher