

2nd December 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

Thank you for doing all that you are to keep your children in school. I can imagine at this time you are a little confused and unsure of the next steps. I hope my letter helps us all understand a little bit more.

If a member of your household tests positive for Covid **all children who are not fully vaccinated** [2 injections] **must stay at home and have a PCR test**. If this is negative, they can return to school but must be daily using lateral flow tests for a week. If positive, they must isolate for 10 days at home. In each of these cases the absence will be authorised if the PCR outcome is shared with school.

40% of infections come from contacts in the household and 1 in 3 have no symptoms, so it is important that we act responsibly now to save Christmas, winter and most importantly our health. **Therefore, the PCR testing and then isolating at home until you have the result is very important.**

- If your child has symptoms of COVID please isolate them at home and arrange a PCR test in line with national guidance. A lateral flow test is not sufficient in this case.
- If you have a positive COVID case in the household please arrange for all other household members to have a PCR test and keep your child at home until a result is received. Please do not take them to other clubs or social events during this time.
- If the PCR is positive please follow national advice and isolate - this is required by law.
- If the PCR is negative your child can return to school, but please consider daily lateral flow testing for seven more days.

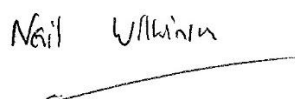
A child who has had Covid confirmed by a PCR test, in the last 90 days does not need to test again unless they develop new symptoms.

Covid vaccines can be accessed for those over 12 years of age using [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccines - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk) or calling 119 for more information.

We will keep in touch and are planning to safely celebrate Christmas as a school and community. Stay safe.

If you have any questions please ask

Yours faithfully



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