

**RE: Testing and Self-Isolation Advice**

Dear Parent/Carer,

As I am sure you are aware, the Government advice on the Covid-19 situation changes on a regular basis. In order to clarify some of the details, we wanted to write to you with the current advice and how it affects you and your child.

- If you or your child receive a positive lateral flow test (LFT), the person testing positive must self-isolate for 5 days from the day after the positive result (please see Example 1 below)
- Self-isolation can end if the person who has tested positive records a negative lateral flow test on day 5 and again on day 6
- You do not need to complete a PCR test to confirm a positive result from a lateral flow test, unless you are displaying symptoms (high temperature, persistent cough etc)
- You must, however, remain in self-isolation for 10 days if symptoms remain, even if the lateral flow test is negative (please see Example 2 below)

<b>Example 1</b>	<b>Example 2</b>
Pupil A tests positive via a lateral flow test on a Monday morning	Pupil B tests positive via a lateral flow test on a Monday morning
Pupil A must self-isolate immediately	Pupil B must self-isolate immediately
5 days self-isolation commencing on the Tuesday (Day 1)	5 days self-isolation commencing on the Tuesday (Day 1)
Day 5 testing will take place on the Saturday	Day 5 testing will take place on the Saturday
Day 6 testing will take place on the Sunday	Day 6 testing will take place on the Sunday
If both of these tests are negative, and there are no symptoms, the pupil returns to school on the following Monday	If one or both of these tests are positive, the pupil continues to self-isolate
	The pupil must continue to take daily lateral flow tests until recording two negative results 24 hours apart over two days before returning to school
	If the pupil continues to test positive, self-isolation will continue until day 10 (Thursday of the 2nd week), returning to school on the Friday

I do hope the above is of help in addressing this issue, however, if you do require further information, please do not hesitate to contact school. Please, as always, keep school updated on your child's absence. Please also continue to test at home if symptoms accrue to keep your family and our school community safe.

Yours sincerely

Attendance officer

