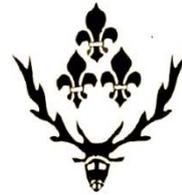


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'Valuing Everyone As Learners'

2nd January 2022

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year, I hope you all managed to enjoy the Christmas period and weren't too disrupted by Covid.

We are expecting to be open as normal from Tuesday 4th January, however as there have been many cases of Covid over the festive period and its likely there will be more to come, I thought I'd clarify the new guidance on self-isolation. The DfE guidance states...

The 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.

*Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. **If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education setting from day 8.***

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation. Further information is available in the [stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection](#).

Please do ensure this guidance is followed if your child/ren have had Covid. This new variant is so easily transmitted it's important that we avoid any pupil coming back to school if they are positive. Please also make sure all pupils do a lateral flow test before coming back to school on Tuesday 4th January. Any child who tests positive will need to get a PCT test and isolate in line with the guidance above.

We are anticipating much absence and possible disruption therefore to staffing. Please do support us by keeping any pupil off who has symptoms and ensure they test regularly. We are doing all we can to minimise disruption to learning and welcome your support with this by helping us stop infection spreading through the school.

From Tuesday 4th January, we would welcome parents wearing a face covering whilst on school premises. Please support us by doing all we can to stop this infection spreading.

There will be no clubs for the first week of term, apart from Breakfast Club, whilst we assess our capacity to run them.

We look forward to seeing pupils return on Tuesday 4th January.

Yours sincerely

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